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The College's vibrant tradition of student activism reflects a deep and admirable commitment among Valley students to improving their world, on campus and beyond. This issue examines LVC's long commitment to inclusion—from its founding as the only coeducational institution of higher learning east of the Allegheny Mountains, to its most recent Symposium on Inclusive Excellence.

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Editor's Note: This issue of The Valley highlights inclusion of underrepresented groups and more than a century of student activism at Lebanon Valley College. We asked Dr. Lewis E. Thayne, LVC president, about the College's legacy of student activism, recent actions by concerned students, and the future.

1. How does the recent activism by students parallel some of the actions that have occurred at other times since the College's founding in 1866?

I do not see a parallel necessarily between our founding and today's student activism. The contemporary view of activism is more explicitly about social justice, and the time frame for response is very short. Our society is far more complex than the society of 1866, and the College is far more diverse, in every way, than at any time in our history.

Nevertheless, I had an opportunity during the winter break to revisit our history and to consider a broad, historical view of "activism" at Lebanon Valley College. From an historical perspective, activists in the Brethren Church founded this College. Those citizens who put up the money to bring the College to Annville invested in a very significant social change. For example, the College's founders admitted women into their first class and hired female faculty to teach women and men. Such practices ran counter to the prevailing standards of the day.

There were many times in our history when students led the way for change within the College itself. The introduction of athletic competition and dancing are early instances. Students have a voice and help shape their experience even more so today. I think a high degree of involvement is expected of every student, but some of our students want to be involved directly in social justice issues and we support them in their efforts where they will make LVC a better college.

2. Some people consider creating a culture of Inclusive Excellence progressive. What do you see as your most important accomplishments in the area of Inclusive Excellence since becoming president?

The annual Symposium on Inclusive Excellence is at the top of the list. The programs offered at these events, the student participation, and the supportive commitment of our faculty and administration creates a halo effect that affects a great number of people.

Next, I would say the expansion of the Green Dot, Step Up, and Brave Zone programs has been important. These are intervention and awareness programs where peers look out for and support each other. The sheer number of

students who participate is inspiring. For example, more than 500 student-athletes participated in Step Up.

Moving our student disability services to the Lebegern Learning Commons is both a real and a symbolic enhancement that ensures that students with learning differences receive the services they need. The center connects students in an inclusive manner, a program transition that happened under the guidance of Dr. Dawn Showers, director of disability resources.

3. What were your impressions of the Dec. 4, 2015 dialogue led by our concerned students?

First, I was so proud that there was a genuine dialogue rather than people opposing each other on two sides of an idea. We had an open, frank discussion in which there were no wrong questions or answers. It was clear to me that one of the most important points our concerned students wanted to emphasize was the need to come together as a community to talk honestly about difficult subjects. This showed tremendous maturity and commitment to doing the hard work of Inclusive Excellence.

I also saw the courage of students who would never consider themselves marginalized asking honest questions—questions that were on a number of other people's minds. It is only possible to have a dialogue when people are willing to listen without holding their sensitivities near the surface, where just being honest and direct with one another is the order of the day. That was the order of the day on Dec. 4. It was why the faculty in attendance were so proud of our students, as was I.

4. Tell us about your ongoing dialogue with our concerned students.

The key will be to remain in continuous, intentional dialogue with our concerned students, and all our faculty, staff, and students, regarding this priority and these difficult topics. Following Dec. 4, we moved ahead on a variety of fronts with faculty recruitment, workshops, meetings with students groups, and working in concert with a Student Task Force on Inclusive Excellence that includes some of the concerned students, as well as student leaders from across campus. This student group is a truly representative



cross-section of our student body. In addition, the Board of Trustees has its own task force. We do not intend to lose our focus on this priority.

The process means leading in a way that doesn't leave anybody out of the discussion—or out of the solution. The process bears in mind that each student is an individual and that no particular group represents everybody else. I have to be very conscious of the individual needs of all students and to keep all channels of communication open and two-way.

5. What are the next steps?

One of our students recently asked me an excellent question: “How do we continue to create urgency?” There are two ways to create urgency: react to an incident or

create a protest. I do not believe either is the way to create positive change over the long term.

We need to continue to weave Inclusive Excellence throughout the institution—through our recruiting, curriculum, training, competencies, and accessibility—in order to meet the demands of an increasingly global—and diverse—country and world. We are preparing leaders in society for the next 30 years. These changes in the way we work, combined with continuous dialogue, will lead to every member of the community expecting diversity—and expecting to be included in solutions.

I am confident that Inclusive Excellence, much like the idea of admitting women in 1866, will become part of our legacy, and that our students will be able to move on to make other positive societal changes through their active involvement.

Daniel S. Helwig and Edwin Wright joined LVC as vice president of advancement and vice president of enrollment management, respectively, last summer. You can read their complete interviews at www.lvc.edu.

Daniel S. Helwig

Q: What brought you to LVC?

A: I have known President Thayne professionally for a few years and was always impressed by his leadership style and vision for Lebanon Valley College. LVC is well regarded regionally for the great faculty-student learning, research, and collaboration that occur each year.

Q: How do you see our new strategic plan, Envision 2020, improving The Valley experience?

A: The plan's four strategic focus areas, among which are Graduating World-Ready Students and Developing Inclusive Excellence and High Performance, will enable LVC to grow from being a great regional college to an institution of greater prominence.

Q: Several building projects are underway. How can alumni and friends of the College play an important role?

A: Connecting the College's plans with the passions of alumni and friends is one of the most crucial jobs of my team. It is a fundamental truth that LVC can only reach its potential with the support of alumni and friends. If we want to be a more competitive college, yet minimize any impact on the cost of attendance at LVC, we need alumni and friends to help.

Q: Why should a donor support LVC?

A: Our society has always prized opportunity for all, and colleges and universities clearly transform the lives of their students. At LVC, this truth is arguably more profound. As a result of their educational experience at The Valley, graduates emerge with confidence, a sense of the possible, a feeling of family, and generally, transform themselves into society's leaders. Therefore, a dollar invested in the LVC experience goes further than those invested elsewhere do.

Q: LVC will celebrate its 150th anniversary this year. Do you and your team have any special events planned to celebrate this historic milestone?

A: There will be numerous opportunities for alumni and friends to participate. There is a historic website where people can contribute stories, reminiscences, and photos. It should be a fun year!



While the year will celebrate 150 years of achievement, including in October 2016 at the College's biggest Homecoming ever, it will also be a good time to look toward the future and another 150 years of producing high-impact graduates and leaders.

Q: How can alumni and friends collaborate with the College to assure its legacy for the next 150 years?

A: I hope that every alumnus helps celebrate our 150th anniversary with a gift—a proxy for a worthy education. I hope that the 150th can be a springboard for alumni to become more passionate about their alma mater and consider annual support—of whatever size they feel they are capable of at their stage of life—as a manifestation of their feelings toward The Valley.

Q: What do you love most about LVC?

A: That LVC is transformative. We do more with fewer resources than most colleges and universities in the U.S. There is incredible potential to make something dramatic happen here if we can attract additional resources.

Edwin Wright

Q: Why LVC?

A: I was always impressed during meetings hosted by LVC when I was at other schools. I admired how everything came together in terms of academics, school size and location, programs of study, the student-athlete experience, and student-faculty relationships.

Q: What do you like best about LVC?

A: How everyone collaborates and works toward the goal of making LVC the best possible academic institution.

Q: Why should a prospective student enroll at LVC?

A: It's the complete package of opportunities available to all students in and out of the classroom. As a graduate of a large public university, I missed out on the great student-faculty relationships that occur from day one at LVC. These connections, as well as those between our coaches and student-athletes, are invaluable to the personal growth of our students.

Q: Why are you excited about the College's new, more generous financial aid policy?

A: The previous program, instituted under President John Synodinos, was originally a real game-changer. However, given the current competitive landscape, it now places us at a disadvantage in attracting the best and brightest students. The new program still rewards hard work in the classroom, but also helps us capture the attention of the best and brightest earlier in the process and keeps us among their top three choices when making their final decision.

Q: How will the College's new campus master plan make LVC even more attractive to prospective students?

A: Campus construction sends a positive message to prospective students and their families that the College reinvests to make it an even better place. It sends a clear message that we are committed to being ahead of the curve in terms of academic programming and facilities. The proposed Health Professions Building is a perfect example, given the strong interest in athletic training, exercise science, physical therapy, and future health professions-related majors.

Q: Tell us about some of the new majors and revised programs our faculty are exploring.

A: Our faculty support and acknowledge that it is equally important to offer majors that students are interested in pursuing and that employers are interested in hiring.



The new revision of computer science into a computer and data science major, as well as the newly proposed four-year business program leading to a bachelor and MBA degree, and new programs in analytical finance and international business, are great examples. Our goal is to offer highly competitive and in-demand programs that are attractive to students and future employers. We want to be the first choice for prospective students *and* the employers who hire our graduates.

Q: What other advice do you give prospective students and families?

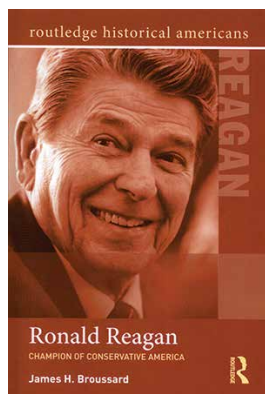
A: It is important to look at a college's data and facts. After looking at the facts—retention, graduation, and employment rates—it is equally crucial to determine if the school is the “right fit.” LVC, for example, is a strong fit for students who want to be involved in multiple activities outside the classroom.

Q: How can alumni and friends help LVC recruit the best and the brightest?

A: If you are in education, share your great memories with your students or hang an LVC banner in your classroom. All alumni can proudly wear their favorite LVC sweatshirt or t-shirt to the grocery store to help spark conversation with prospective students and families. Recommend they take our virtual tour or visit our beautiful campus.

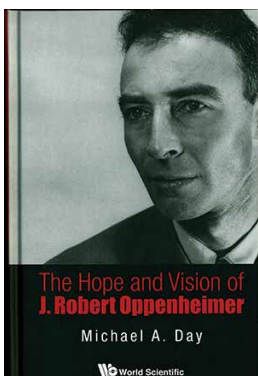
Faculty Authors

In addition to numerous academic publications by LVC faculty this past academic year, four professors published books during this period.



Dr. James H. Broussard, *Ronald Reagan: Champion of Conservative America*. Routledge, 2015.

Few politicians in recent American history are as recognized as Ronald Reagan, the 40th U.S. President. In a clear-eyed and insightful narrative, Dr. James Broussard, LVC professor of history, cuts through the mythology surrounding the President to produce a nuanced portrait of Reagan in his historical context.

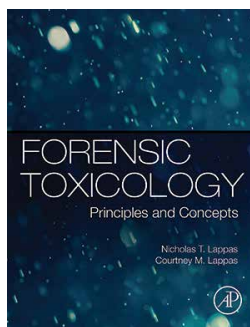


Dr. Michael Day, *The Hope and Vision of J. Robert Oppenheimer*. World Scientific, 2015.

Incorporating elements from history, science, philosophy, and international relations theory, this book takes a fresh look at the life and thought of Robert Oppenheimer.

Dr. Michael Day, LVC professor of physics and director of the engineering program, argues that not only are Oppenheimer's

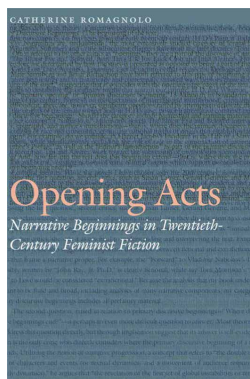
ideas important, engaging, and relevant, but they are also more coherent than generally assumed. Dr. Day makes a convincing case that Oppenheimer has much to say about 21st-century issues, and that his voice should be brought back into the public forum.



Dr. Nicholas T. Lappas and Dr. Courtney M. Lappas, *Forensic Toxicology: Principles and Concepts*. Academic Press, 2015.

This book takes the reader back to the origins of forensic toxicology, providing an overview of the largely unchanging principles of the discipline. Dr. Courtney Lappas, LVC associate professor of biology, and her father, Dr. Nicholas Lappas,

a professor at George Washington University, focus on the major tenets of forensic toxicology, including an introduction to the discipline, fundamentals of forensic toxicology analyses, types of interpretations based on analytical forensic toxicology, and reporting from the laboratory to the courtroom.



Dr. Catherine Romagnolo, *Opening Acts: Narrative Beginnings in Twentieth-Century Feminist Fiction*. University of Nebraska Press, 2015.

This book reveals the important role of beginnings as moments of discursive authority with power and agency that have been appropriated by writers from historically marginalized groups.

Dr. Catherine Romagnolo, LVC chair and associate professor of English, argues for a critical

awareness of how social identity plays a role in the strategic use and critical interpretation of narrative beginnings.

Visit [Youtube.com/LebanonValleyCollege](https://www.youtube.com/LebanonValleyCollege) to view video interviews with the authors.

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Chemistry Wins National Award

The LVC Chemistry Department received the 2016 *Award for Outstanding Institutional Practice in Student Learning Outcomes* from the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) in January. LVC was the only U.S. institution to earn the distinction.

"I am honored that the LVC Chemistry Department was selected as the sole recipient of such a prestigious award, particularly considering that previous winners include such excellent institutions as The Citadel and James Madison University," said **Dr. Marc Harris**, chair and associate professor of chemistry. "Our department, with support from the College, has worked hard to establish a rich culture of using student assessment data to plan, improve, elevate, and promote our programs, and to ensure that our students are fully prepared and empowered to meet the challenges presented in our globalized world."

The Chemistry Department faculty were honored for winning a national award during LVC's annual Celebration of Faculty Scholarship and Pedagogy. Pictured here are (l. to r.): Dr. Michelle Rasmussen, Dr. Timothy Peelen, Dr. Owen Moe, Dr. Marc Harris, and Dr. Anderson Marsh.



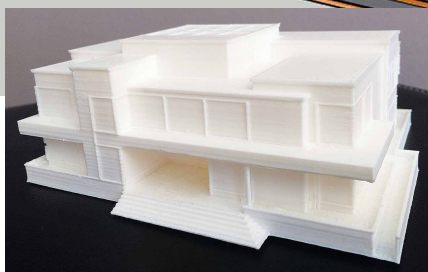
Carnegie Reclassifies LVC

LVC has been re-classified as a Master's College and University (small programs) within the Carnegie Classifications as part of its periodic five-year review. This re-classification recognizes the good work that has been done in recent years to expand the number of master's degrees awarded by LVC.

The Carnegie Classification system was first published in 1973 as part of the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education's work on research and policy analysis.

Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery Hosts *LVC Reimagined*

LVC Reimagined: Transformative Architecture is on display at the Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery through May 15. The exhibition presents architectural models designed by students in the *LVC Reimagined: Designing the Campus of the Future* class taught by **Dr. Grant Taylor**, chair of art & art history and associate professor of art history, during the fall 2015 semester. The exhibition, developed as part of the College's 150th anniversary celebration, also presents an overview of LVC's architectural history and includes rarely exhibited vintage plans and photographs. Members of another of Dr. Taylor's classes, Curatorial Projects, worked with Dan Massad, LVC artist-in-residence, and Dr. Barbara McNulty, Gallery director, to curate the exhibition this spring.



Matthew Eshbach '17, an actuarial science major with minors in art history and economics, designed a potential mathematical science building (above). He then printed out a model using one of the College's 3D printers (left) as part of Dr. Taylor's class.

Dr. Jay Anderson, professor *emeritus* of computer science at Franklin & Marshall College, developed a smart application as a complement to *LVC Reimagined*. The app connects with iBeacons located throughout the Gallery to provide visitors with additional information regarding various displays. You can also download the app at home (*LVC Reimagined*) to learn about the exhibition displays if you can't make it back to campus.



All l. to r.—(front): Dr. Richard Harper '60, Dr. Elizabeth Bains '64; (second row): Justin Albert '05, Jeff Boland '86; (third row): Dr. Shawn Bender '01, Nathan Mains '94; (back row): Paul Smith '88, Karl Liedtka '91

Eight Alumni Honored

Outstanding alumni spanning a 45-year period were recognized at the Alumni Awards Luncheon during Homecoming Weekend in October 2015. **Dr. Elizabeth "Liz" Bains '64**, retired NASA Johnson Space Center scientist, received the Distinguished Alumna Award.

Justin Albert '05, assistant vice president and actuary at The Hartford, received the Young Alumni Award; **Paul Smith '88**, manager of event technical services at Susquehanna University, was honored with the Creative Achievement Award; **Nathan G. Mains '94**, executive director of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, was recognized with The June Herr Outstanding Educator of the Year Award; and **Karl D. Liedtka '91**, coordinator of counseling programs for the Lebanon School District, received the D. Clark Carmean Award in Admission.

Dr. Shawn Bender '01, assistant professor in the department of biomedical sciences at the Dalton Cardiovascular Research Center; **Jeff Boland '86**, partner and department head of the Senior Living Services Consulting Group RLK; and **Dr. Richard "Dick" H. Harper '60**, consultant with the department of dentistry at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and U.S. Naval Dental Corps (retired), were honored with Alumni Citations.

Peace Corps Director and Congressman Dent Visit LVC

Peace Corps Director **Carrie Hessler-Radelet** and U.S. Congressman **Charlie Dent** (PA-15) visited LVC in February to highlight the benefits and opportunities derived from joining the Peace Corps. Students, faculty, staff, and local returned volunteers from the Peace Corps gathered in a packed Vernon and Doris Bishop Library Atrium for the presentation.

Dr. Lewis E. Thayne, LVC president, gave the opening address, in which he said that the College's mission of preparing global-ready students coincides directly with the

goals of the Peace Corps and the important work it does worldwide. Dr. Thayne also noted that LVC highly values community service, another important component of this organization.

Congressman Dent spoke about the importance of global education and how the Peace Corps provides "soft power" in terms of international relations. He also stressed the increasing significance of a large national budget devoted to global development. That positive impact on the world is a key part of Peace Corps service.



(l. to r.): Dr. Russell Morgan, Dr. Lewis E. Thayne, Carrie Hessler-Radelet, Dr. Bryan Grigsby, Dr. Diane Johnson, and Congressman Charlie Dent

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(l. to r.): Dr. Christopher Heffner, Suzanne Fox '77, Dr. Greg Strohman '08, Christopher Plasencia '16, Timothy Wolfe '07, Anthony Pieruccini '18, Ricardo Perez-Lopez '18, Cody Esposito '17, Samuel Yoder '15, and Dr. Justin Morell

150th Anniversary Kickoff

In 1866, a community came together to lay the groundwork for what is now Lebanon Valley College. This year, we reflect on the College's history while celebrating that which is yet to come. **Larry Bowman '70** and **Bob Johns '75**, co-chairs of the 150th Anniversary Committee, have worked with a dedicated group of volunteers, including many alumni, to organize an appropriate yearlong celebration that runs through February 2017.

The anniversary year kicked off with a Founders Day Celebration on Feb. 23 in the Bertha Brossman Blair Music Center. The event featured the debut of a commissioned music piece, *Sesquicentennial Celebration: For the 150th Anniversary Celebration*, by **Dr. Justin Morell**, assistant professor of music. Students **Michael Mango-Puglisi '17**, **Rebecca Sausser '16**, and **Jeanette Tropp '17** also presented historical research during the event.

Visit www.lvc.edu/150 to learn about upcoming anniversary events, view a timeline of the College's history, and purchase anniversary merchandise.

9th Annual Social Justice Institute

More than 20 students participated in this year's Social Justice Institute (SJI) in Washington, D.C. The annual program, sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, included a weekend of workshops, speakers, and service in the nation's capital. The SJI enables students to learn about different forms of oppression and the effect oppression has on communities.

Michael Ogunyemi '18 appreciated the opportunity to participate and invited students to explore the institute next year. "I wish more people had a chance to experience what we did," he said. "If you are a person who truly wants to learn about the impact of social justice in your everyday life, you need to attend this trip. It's unbelievably great."



(l. to r.): Cooper Gerus '16, Sara Shissler '16, and Marlin Nye work to create a green roof for Rosemary Yuhas Commons.

Inaugural Student Innovation Fund Grants Awarded

Dr. Lewis E. Thayne, LVC president, announced a new program to reward student initiative in February. The newly formed Student Innovation Fund awarded grants to 20 students for projects ranging from sustainability and outdoor appreciation to student programming and the arts.

Similar to the President's Innovation Fund, which awards grants annually to faculty and staff projects, the Student Innovation Fund was launched to encourage student-initiated pilot projects. The selected projects have long-term, wide-reaching potential to foster transformative learning on and off campus.

President Thayne noted that one of the College's primary goals is "to create a demonstrably superior academic and co-curricular experience for our students that prepares graduates for successful performance in the competitive national and international markets."



Hannah Pell '16 Named Fulbright Scholar

Hannah Pell '16, a double major in music and physics, became the College's latest Fulbright Scholar as announced in March. Pell will combine her two loves of music and science when she studies at the University of Graz and Centre for Systematic Musicology in Austria next year.

Pell will study with Dr. Richard Parncutt, a physicist and music psychologist at the University of Graz. Her Fulbright project will include three phases: working with computational music analysis software, designing an undergraduate course, and serving as an English teaching assistant.

LVC Celebrates Lunar New Year

LVC's Office of Spiritual Life hosted students of the Chinese Cultural and Arts Institute of Harrisburg for a celebration of the Lunar New Year in February. Select LVC students also shared their experiences in celebration of the holiday, which is part of Chinese, Korean, Cambodian, and Vietnamese cultures.



Daniel Thompson '17 in China

Daniel Thompson '17, a criminal justice major with a minor in law and society, became the third LVC student to study in China through the College's newest study abroad program. Thompson, from Central Islip, N.Y., follows in the steps of **Sara Urner '16**, who was the first to study at LVC's program in Shanghai. **Brian Kaniuka '14** was the first student to study in China under the new program when he spent the fall 2013 semester in Beijing.

Daniel Thompson '17 blogs from China at capaworld.capa.org/.

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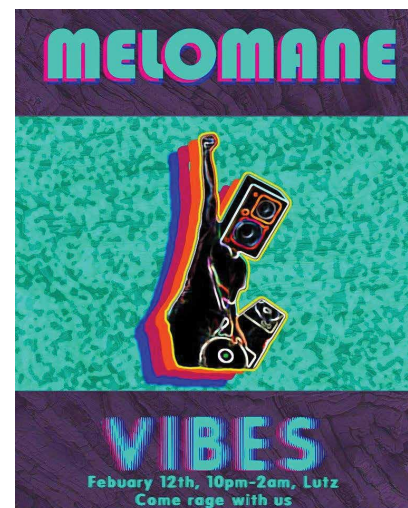
Music students from Brazil practiced in the Frederic K. Miller Chapel.

College Hosts Brazilian Students

Through the dedicated efforts of **Dr. Shelly Moorman-Stahlman**, LVC professor of music and College organist, the LVC community hosted 18 music students from Brazil for a cultural exchange program in January. The visiting students were able to observe the best in church music in the United States, play some of the finest pipe organs in the region, and observe music teaching in the Annville and Lebanon school districts.

Black History Month Celebrated

The Office of Multicultural Affairs, in collaboration with various student organizations, held numerous events during February in celebration of Black History Month. Events included a Be the Match bone marrow registry drive and a Melomane Vibes concert. Additional activities included a Dessert and Dialogue with Freedom Rings, a Black History Knowledge and Trivia Night, Standards of Beauty Workshop: Behind The Afro, and numerous educational videos shown throughout the month.



New Field Hockey and Football Coaches Named

A pair of experienced coaches, both LVC alumni, were recently named as head coaches of two of the College's most successful athletic programs.

Joe Buehler '89 was named head coach of football in February after the retirement of legendary coach **Jim Monos**. Buehler has spent the last 11 years learning under the tutelage of Coach Monos, who was Buehler's coach when he was a four-year letterwinner and Second Team All-Conference MAC selection as an offensive lineman.

Amber Corcoran '09 was named head coach of field hockey, also in February, after the retirement of **Carol Miller**, who had coached the team for the past five years. Corcoran, a former NFHCA Third-Team All-American at LVC, returns to Annville after serving as head coach at Stevens Institute of Technology. There, she led the Ducks to an Empire 8 Conference Championship and NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 appearance.



Joe Buehler '89



Amber Corcoran '09 (#23)

LVC Announces Hall of Fame Class of 2015



(above, l. to r.): J.D. Byers '05, Dale Oehler '75, Crystal Gibson '05, Amanda Ott Templeton '00, and Brian Yingling '03; (right): members of the 2000–2001 ice hockey team



The College inducted five student-athletes representing seven sports into its Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming Weekend in October 2015. The inductees included **J.D. Byers '05** (men's basketball, golf), **Crystal Gibson '05** (women's basketball, track & field), **Dale Oehler '75** (men's lacrosse), **Amanda Ott Templeton '00** (field hockey), and **Brian Yingling '03** (men's ice hockey). The 2000–2001 men's ice hockey team, winners of the program's first ECAC Northeast Conference Championship and an automatic berth to the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament, were also honored during the ceremony.

Health Professions Building

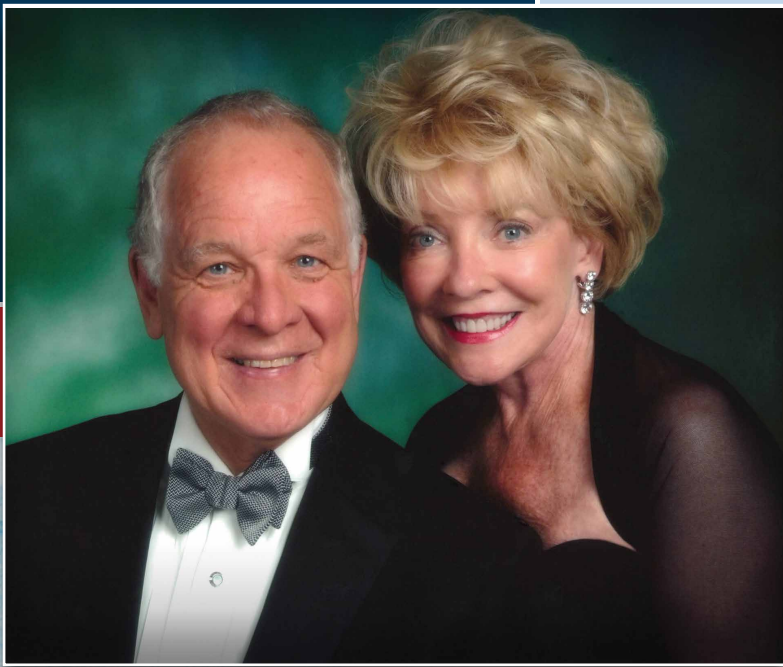
ARNOLD CHALLENGE GIFT

Lebanon Valley College is proud to announce that Edward H. and Jeanne Donlevy Arnold have generously pledged a \$10 million gift to construct a new health professions building. This magnificent gift is the largest in the College's history. The Arnolds' pledge comes in the form of a challenge that ensures Lebanon Valley College's future, while also tasking our trustees, senior leadership, alumni, and friends to move boldly and quickly to respond to their generosity. Their vision, leadership, and unwavering commitment to the College will benefit our students who will be the next generation of healthcare professionals.

The new Health Professions Building will be named in honor of the Arnolds and will transform the LVC campus. This facility will house the College's physical therapy, athletic training, and exercise science programs, as well as future health professions-related majors.

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"We are honored and pleased to make this challenge gift to Lebanon Valley College to help construct its new Health Professions Building. We believe in LVC's bright future and the outstanding education provided by its distinguished faculty for all its students. We are confident that this gift will prove a transformational one for the College and the surrounding region by promoting the health professions. Just as we have decided to contribute, we hope this gift inspires others to make their best gifts to LVC."

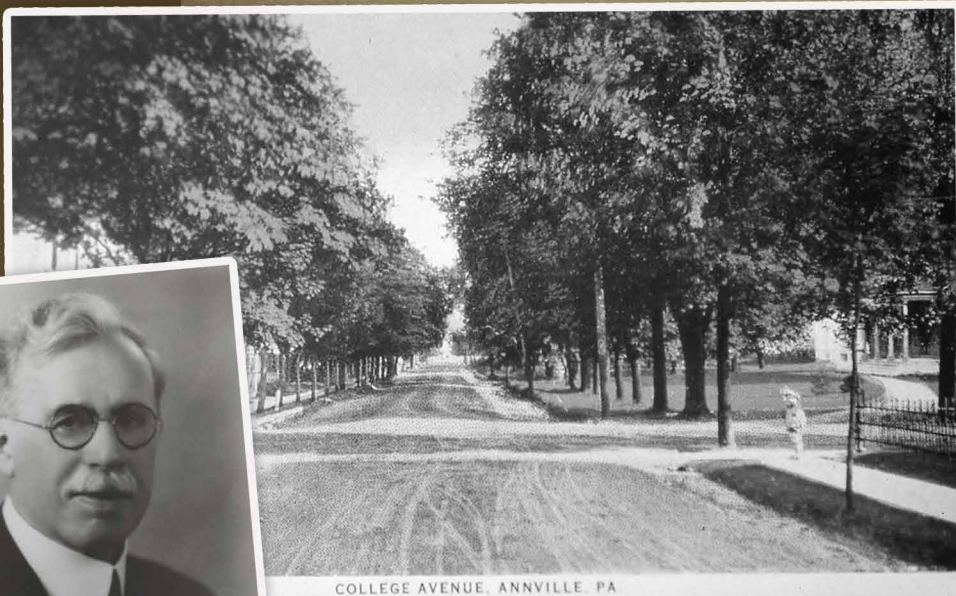
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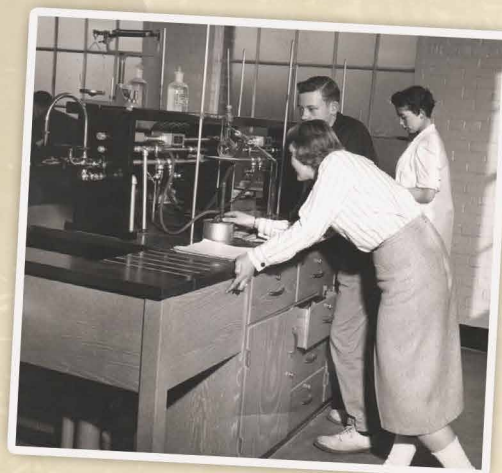
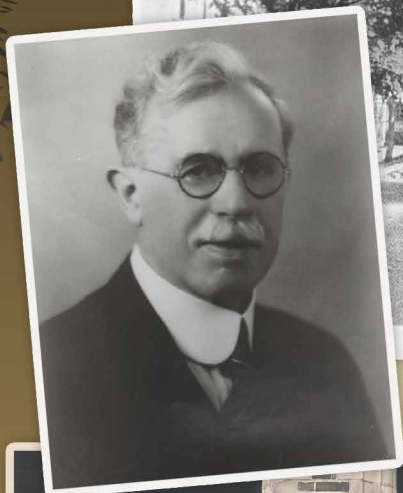
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The College celebrates its 150th anniversary this year. As part of the celebration, we highlight historic photos from each of the College's three 50-year eras.



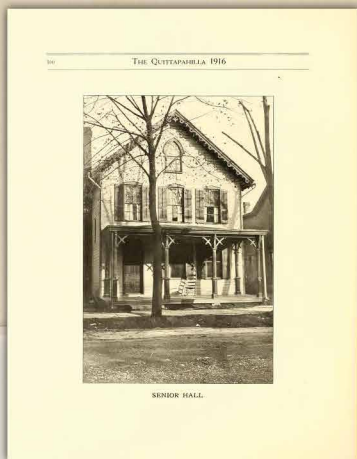
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A TRADITION OF CAMPUS **ACTIVISM** AND **INCLUSION**

By **Christine Brandt Little**
and **Dr. Tom Hanrahan**

In recent months, colleges and universities across the country, including LVC, have engaged in challenging conversations regarding the issues of diversity and inclusion on campus—conversations that mirror similar dialogues occurring in our broader society. This issue of The Valley examines LVC's long commitment to inclusion—from its founding as the only coeducational institution of higher learning east of the Allegheny Mountains, to its most recent Symposium on Inclusive Excellence.

The College's vibrant tradition of student activism reflects a deep and admirable commitment among Valley students to improving their world, on campus and beyond. The current faculty and administration have fully embraced opportunities to engage students in this conversation and share their vision of a College that provides an open, safe, welcoming, and respectful space for all.

Celebrating and Reaffirming our Commitment to Inclusion

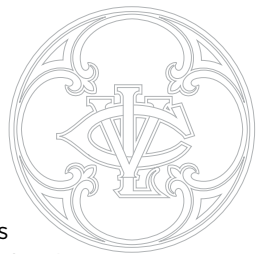
The College hosted its third annual Symposium on Inclusive Excellence on Jan. 21. The daylong event focused on community building, understanding, and celebrating diversity. Activities included a keynote speech, multiple educational and service opportunities, remarks by **President Lewis E. Thayne, Ph.D.**, and a ceremony awarding the 2016 President's Award for Community Service to Alpha Phi Omega.



(l. to r.): Dr. Lewis E. Thayne, Jessica Coughlin '16, Gerald Miller '17, Darryl McClish '17, Hayley Holloway '16, and Nicholas Irick '16

A Tradition of Inclusion and Engagement

LVC's Symposium may be only three years old, but the College's commitment to Inclusive Excellence dates back to its founding, when it admitted women as students and hired them as faculty more than five decades before the United States Constitution gave them the right to vote.



The Early Years: 1866–1900

As a school founded by the United Brethren Church, Lebanon Valley has a progressive pedigree, made evident by the fact that it welcomed women as both students

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and faculty beginning on the first day of classes in 1866—in fact, LVC is one of the nation's oldest coeducational institutions of higher education. **Mary A. Weiss**, along with two males, was a member of the College's first graduating class in 1870, and today, the Mary A. Weiss Scholarship is named in her honor.

The College's historical record indicates that women were full participants in the life of the College from the beginning. Early yearbooks show women taking science classes, serving as officers of co-educational clubs, and founding their own extracurricular literary societies. Women were members of the College's inaugural Alumni Association and served on early boards of trustees, albeit in *ex-officio* status.

While not faultless on racial inclusion, the College showed itself to be more welcoming than most schools at the time in that it never explicitly

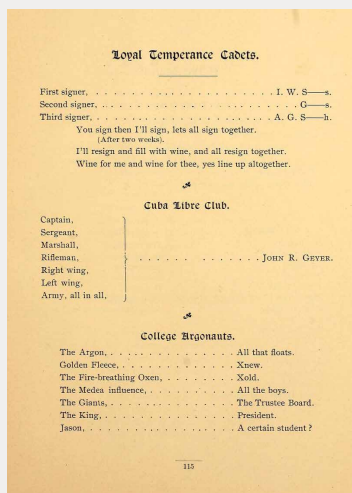


Alfred Tennyson Sumner, 1902

excluded African American students. LVC's first student of color, **Alfred Tennyson Sumner**, Class of 1902, came to Annville from Sierra Leone, forging a long connection between the College and that country. Today, the Alfred Tennyson Sumner Scholarship is named in his honor. Sumner's son, the **Hon. Doyle Sumner**, attended LVC from 1936 to 1938, and later became minister of natural resources in Sierra Leone.

As early as 1898, LVC students were politically engaged. College records indicate that a group of 75 students marched through

Annville in a peaceful protest supporting Cuban independence from Spain—this at a time when there were only 78 students enrolled.



Turning the Century: 1900–1920s

As the College moved into the 1900s, it continued to push the boundaries of inclusiveness.

Women continued to have an impact at LVC during the early part of the new century, with women well represented in campus leadership. The graduating class of 1910 had an enrollment of 13 men and five women, with three men and one woman serving as class officers. In 1918, there were 29 men and 13 women on campus, with two male and two female class officers.

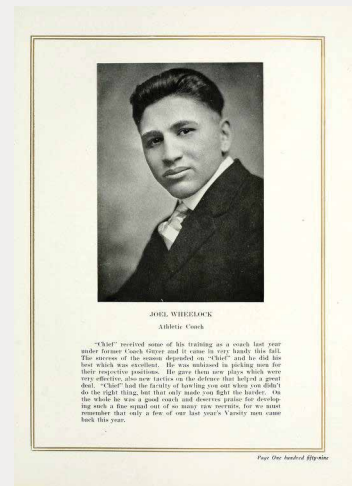
The College enrolled several Native Americans from the nearby Carlisle Indian Training School, with **William Winneshiek**, **Joel** and **Joseph Wheelock**, and **Emerson Metoxen '27**, among

them. Joel Wheelock was a star athlete in baseball, football, and track at LVC, competing on the College's championship relay team at the 1914 Penn Relays. He went on to become head coach of the men's and women's basketball teams (1917–1918) and of the football team at LVC (1917), among whose members was his brother, Joseph. Metoxen earned 12 varsity letters at LVC—in baseball, basketball, and football—and returned to the College in 1934 to serve as athletic director, head coach of baseball and basketball, and assistant coach of football. Winneshiek, who was also a chemist and well-known musician, played football at LVC and later became an assistant coach.

The College also welcomed at least two students from Japan during these years. **Henry Tokuhichi Ishimura '26** and **Luke Shigeyuki Mimura '28** attended LVC and gave several lectures to area churches as part of their mission work. Ishimura attended Bonebrake Theological Seminary after graduating from LVC then became a pastor in Honokaa, Hawaii. Mimura would go on to receive U.S. patents for several inventions.

The College served as a Student Army Training Corps site throughout World War I, and more than 260 LVC students served in the war.

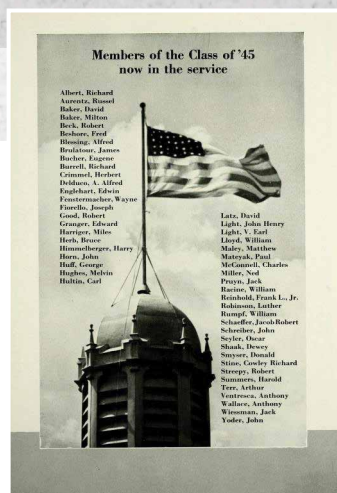
A primary issue arousing student unrest on campus during this period was the Brethren Church's prohibition against dancing. Students had long held dances in secret, but College **President George D. Gossard** (1912 to 1932)



Joel Wheelock



Luke Shigeyuki Mimura '28



Members of the College's active flying squadron

finally lifted the ban in 1921. That's not to say that the school was entirely ahead of its time—it also boasted a Prohibition Association on campus for several decades.

Lebanon Valley on the Home Front: 1940s and World War II

When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, the campus community abandoned its isolationist leanings and girded for war. Students organized a campus Sub-Council of Defense, which appointed its own air wardens, auxiliary police, first aid workers, and firefighters to protect the campus in the event of enemy attack. Graduates of the College's Civil Aeronautics class formed an active flying squadron. Students formed a local chapter of the Red Cross and made items needed by soldiers. Male soldiers received military training each week. Women participated as air raid wardens; sworn in on March 10, 1942,



they were possibly the first women in the country to serve in this position.

Frank Lennon, who left LVC to join the war effort prior to the U.S. entering, became a flight sergeant in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He became the College's first loss when he was killed in active duty over England in January 1940.

After the war, hundreds of veterans enrolled at the College. Enrollment had been just 192 in 1944; by the fall of 1946, it had leaped to 683—and more than 300 of the incoming students were veterans. These students were older and more worldly than the typical College freshman was at the time. They challenged the traditions of the relatively quiet campus, inaugurating many changes.

Peacefully Engaged: The 1960s

Throughout the 1960s, the Vietnam War, Civil Rights Movement, Women's Rights Movement, school desegregation, and other cultural changes finally reached Annville. The College invited civil rights leaders to speak, students participated in anti-war demonstrations, and a prayer vigil was held on campus after the Kent State shootings in 1970. In February 1968, the College hosted James Farmer, professor at Lincoln and New York universities, as part of a series of speakers who addressed the state of the Civil Rights Movement. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Sr.—father of the slain civil rights leader—spoke on campus seven years later, in February 1975.



The "Chapel Rebellion"—In the early 1960s, the College administration, under **President Frederic K. Miller** (1950 to 1967), Class of 1929, made plans to build a chapel on campus. Many people were opposed to the decision, citing the need for a music

conservatory, science center, and student union—and that students already had the use of a church on the edge of campus in Annville.

Malcolm Lazin, Esq., '65, today an *emeritus* member of the College's Board of Trustees, was at the center of the "Chapel Rebellion," as it is now known. "I was the president of the Faculty-Student Council," he says. "We voted overwhelmingly in favor of a college union building, and I was tasked to meet with President Miller to tell him." Unfortunately, President Miller was less than open to the idea. "Student opinions were not as tolerated at the time, and President Miller promptly ended our meeting," Lazin remembers. "Fortunately, student opinion is now solicited and valued, including student representatives serving on the Board of Trustees."

Not one to give up, Lazin left the meeting with an alternative plan.

"I suggested that we start to collect an additional \$10 or \$15 per semester in the student activity fee that would go into an escrow account toward the building of a college union building, and ultimately, of course, we got the building," he says.

Today Lazin, who went on to earn a law degree from the Boston University School of Law, is executive director of Equality Forum, an international LGBT civil rights organization. He also sponsors LVC's annual Lazin Series, which brings accomplished alumni and business leaders to campus to give students an inside look at a variety of professional and post-graduate opportunities.

Finding a Voice: The 1970s

The Quad—When *La Vie Collegienne* suspended publication in the fall of 1975 due to lack of student participation, **Paul Baker '79** and a team of students stepped in. "A couple of us got together and said we can't be a college without a newspaper, so in the spring of 1976 we started to publish *The Quad*. It was not an immediate success," Baker laughs, acknowledging that it took some time for the new paper to gain traction, eventually growing into the second incarnation of *La Vie*.

However, in the spring semester of Baker's senior year, an event occurred that cemented his commitment to journalism. "In March of 1979 we had the accident at Three Mile Island," he says. "It had a big impact on my decision to become a journalist, though I didn't realize it at the time ... I realized then that the local TV and newspaper reporters really have an important job to do as watchdogs of the community." Baker would spend his career as a noted writer and editor with the *Lebanon Daily News*.

INTEGRATING VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

After the Vietnam War, Fort Indiantown Gap served as a refugee camp for about 17,000 South Vietnamese and Cambodians fortunate enough to escape their war-torn homelands. LVC enrolled 12 Vietnamese refugees as students in the fall of 1975. One of them, **Dr. Si Pham '79**, went on to attend medical school at the University of Pittsburgh, completing his residency in general and cardiac surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Dr. Pham served on the team that performed the successful 1993 heart/liver transplant on Robert Casey Sr., late governor of Pennsylvania.

Tackling Sexual Politics: The 1990s



Natalie Hope McDonald '97

The "Condom Issue"—**Natalie Hope McDonald '97** was co-editor with **Jasmine Ammons Bucher '97, M'11, P'14** of *La Vie* when the newspaper published one of its most controversial issues. The so-called Condom Issue, dated May 1, 1996, highlighted AIDS and safe sex awareness—and featured a

condom glued to the front page of each copy.

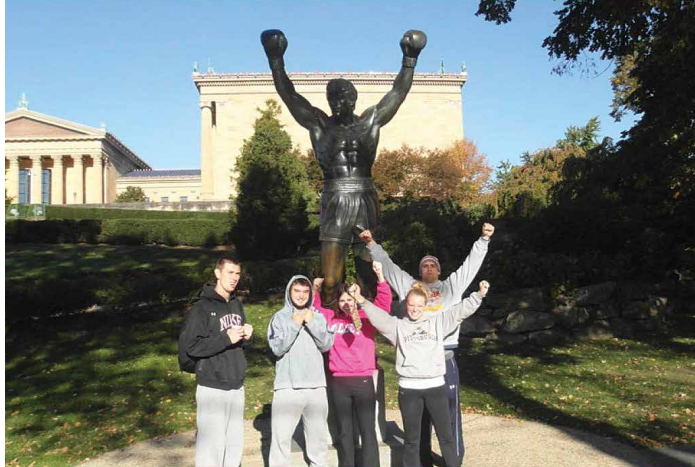
"At the time, HIV/AIDS was still a somewhat taboo subject, especially among the majority of straight, white college students in central Pennsylvania," said McDonald in an email. "We wanted to do something that would create



Three Mile Island

an important discussion, to help educate young people about the importance of safe sex, and to provide them with a condom as a symbol of what this meant."

Looking back, McDonald, who today is a writer, editor, and artist in Philadelphia, believes the controversy around the



Members of Dr. Erskine's class participated in the 2012 AIDS Walk Philly event.

Condom Issue was fundamental to her education. "I believe my maturity as a writer and editor started at LVC because of this experience," she said. "It was one of the most important and influential experiences I had as a student."

HIV/AIDS Awareness—Dr. Dale Erskine, professor of biology, ignited the campus conversation surrounding HIV/AIDS when, in 1998, he began offering an interdisciplinary course that examined the origins and history of the disease, as well as its economic, political, social, psychological, and legal repercussions. The course proved extremely popular and was offered until 2015.

"There were no prerequisites, so we had music, science, and humanities majors all in the same room," Dr. Erskine says, noting that the class, capped at 75 students, had a waiting list every semester. "The students met people who were HIV positive, lawyers from the AIDS Law Project in Philadelphia, a physician who had worked with the disease since the 1980s, and the mother of a young man who had died of AIDS."

Erskine also involved his students in AIDS activism. "About 10 percent of the course grade was to do something in terms of service," he explains. "One group got money from Student Government to bring panels of the AIDS Quilt to campus. I also encouraged them to raise funds and go to the Philadelphia AIDS Walk." One year, Dr. Erskine's students draped the Quittapahilla statue in black fabric in commemoration of the Day Without Art, an annual day of action and mourning in response to the AIDS crisis.

LGBTQ+ Equality—Wayne Knaub '98 came to campus as a freshman knowing he was gay and comfortable with it. When Knaub learned early in his freshman year that then-**Chaplain D. Darrell Woomer** hoped to start a student organization to support LGBTQ+ students, he wasted no time. "I met with Chaplain Woomer and we started Freedom Rings in the fall of my freshman year," he says. Freedom Rings seeks to build understanding on campus about

issues affecting the LGBTQ+ community and is still active today. Membership is open to all students committed to its mission, including heterosexual allies.

Knaub believes his campus activism was deeply formative: "It definitely changed who I was—it was a springboard for me," he says. "I like giving back to the LGBTQ+ community, and a lot of that was from my time at LVC." After graduation, Knaub moved to New York City and ran a writing workshop for LGBTQ+ high school students. Later, he moved to Philadelphia and served on the board of the Delaware Valley Legacy Fund, a foundation that supports the needs of LGBTQ+ people in the Philadelphia region.

Today, the impact of Knaub's work with Chaplain Woomer endures beyond the continued presence of Freedom Rings on campus: **Daniel K. Meyer, M.D., '81** established the Darrell Woomer Diversity Program Endowment in 2006 in honor of Woomer's support of LGBTQ+ students at LVC. The fund supports speakers and other campus events that promote inclusiveness.

Confronting Racism and War: The 2000s

Bias Response Team—Greg Sneed '07 was part of a group who formed the Bias Response Team in 2006 to encourage the College administration to respond decisively to a number of racially charged incidents on campus. **Dr. Catherine Romagnolo**, chair and associate professor of English; **Dr. Diane Johnson**, chair and associate professor of history; and **Rev. Dr. Paul Fullmer**, College chaplain,

SEEKING TO CORRECT EDUCATIONAL DISADVANTAGES: THE LEBANON VALLEY EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

In 1989, the College joined with the Lebanon School District to form the Lebanon Valley Education Partnership (LVEP). LVEP seeks to encourage children in the city of Lebanon to study, stay in school, and attend college. Beginning in eighth grade, students who are doing well academically, but who have financial or other circumstances that may prevent them from attending college, are identified as potential partners in the program. Each student is matched with a current LVC student who serves as a mentor throughout the student's high school years.

If students enroll in college preparatory classes and maintain a good academic standing while in high school, they become eligible for tuition scholarships at the College. Dedicated individuals and businesses fund scholarships each year through the Achievement Challenge Golf Tournament.

served as advisors to the student-led group. “We formed the team so that a student who was a target of a racial, ethnic, religious, or homophobically motivated action would have student and faculty representatives who would take the issue to the president and to student services,” Sneed says.



Greg Sneed '07

Sneed adds that he doesn't believe racism was an endemic problem at LVC, but rather the student body responding to what they perceived as a lack of action taken by the administration when racially motivated attacks toward students occurred on campus at the time. “It was basically just ignorance and lack of embracing others who came from different walks of life and who had different perspectives regarding how our country interacts with and treats minorities,” he says. “I think there were some people who just hadn't confronted issues minorities encounter on a daily basis.” The Bias Response Team encouraged the administration to address situations as they arose—and it taught Sneed how to work for justice within a system.

Sneed was also a member of the second pledge class of the traditionally black service fraternity Iota Phi Theta, which was chartered on campus in 2003. “It was a predominately black fraternity on a predominately white campus, so you found some comfort being with each other, but we also had to learn to embrace each other, because most of the members in the chapter were white,” Sneed says. “We emphasized and embraced our diversity on a multitude of levels, and not solely based on race at Lebanon Valley. This foundation helped us provide the College with another perspective of the college experience. Iota Phi Theta emphasizes not only the diversity, but the opportunity for the College to integrate communities, something

that should occur at all colleges and universities around the country.” Sneed, who was a music education major at LVC, now is a music teacher in East Orange, N.J., and remains active in his fraternity and the community.

Working for Diversity—**Rachel Hadrick, Esq., '06** was very active on campus, majoring in music recording technology and participating in Leading Educational Awareness for Diversity (L.E.A.D.), F-Word, and as a Valley Ambassador, Peer Mentor, and

their engagement as college students was foundational—but for Hadrick, being exposed to the positions of fellow students with different concerns was equally so. “When I came to Lebanon Valley I had very small-minded notions of what it meant to be bisexual, gay, or lesbian,” she says. However, befriending students engaged in advocating for LGBTQ+ rights, “forced me to take what I knew about issues of race and translate it into other issues,” she says.



(l. to r.): Alex Reber '07, Rachel Hadrick, Esq., '06, Roberto “Tito” Valdes '14, Kate Ruhl Gerdes '05, and Clayton Carroll '07 participated in an alumni panel during the College's Symposium on Inclusive Excellence in January.

LVEP Mentor. Nevertheless, Hadrick experienced significant culture shock when she arrived in Annville her freshman year. “I grew up in a family and a community that was multiracial, so it was a new experience for me to realize that not only was I only one of a few people of color on campus, but that some students had never even interacted with a person of color,” she says.

Hadrick shares the opinion of many of her fellow student-activists that

After graduation, Hadrick eventually went on to earn a law degree from Widener Commonwealth Law School in Harrisburg, where she was the first person of color to serve as editor-in-chief of the school's law journal. She is now an associate attorney in the Harrisburg law offices of McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC.

Students Acting for Global Awareness—Like most students on campus in the fall of 2001, **Dr. Jordan Miller '05** saw his worldview

irreversibly changed by the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. However, Dr. Miller, who had been raised to seek a global understanding of social justice issues, found that his perspective on the terrorist attacks differed from many of his classmates.

Dr. Miller eventually connected with **Eric Saner '04**, whose pacifist Mennonite upbringing gave him a similar perspective. "We figured out pretty quickly that we wanted to form a campus organization that focused on world events from a global perspective, not just an American perspective," Dr. Miller explains. Soon they had founded Students Acting for Global Awareness (SAGA).

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Then in March of 2003, the U.S. invaded Iraq. "We decided we would set up a shantytown on the Academic Quad from the start to the end of that military campaign," Dr. Miller says. SAGA's tent city remained in place for more than a month, until President Bush declared that the invasion was over. After graduating from LVC with a double major in religion and American studies, Dr. Miller earned a master's degree in philosophy of religion and religious studies from Boston University, and a doctoral degree from Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I., where he teaches today.

Drawing Attention to The Iraq War—Growing up in a family where she was expected to be able to voice and defend her opinions taught **Kate Ruhl Gerdes '05** to be comfortable with dissent. However, nothing prepared her for her experiences as an anti-war activist on campus. Gerdes, a religion and political science double major and member of SAGA, felt compelled to speak out in 2003 when the U.S. invaded Iraq, so she joined SAGA's shantytown on the Academic Quad.

The students' tent city certainly made an impact on campus, and for

a time it was a target for verbal and even physical attack. That was more than Gerdes had expected. "I was naïve going into it," she admits. "I didn't understand that people were going to be that passionate and that their response was going to be violent. But once I encountered that opposition, I found resolve I didn't know I had."

Today, Gerdes is assistant director of short-term programs and outreach at BCA Study Abroad, a position that takes her to many college campuses. "Most small liberal arts colleges struggle with a lack of diversity, but you don't see the same move toward activism from students at all campuses. In this way, LVC is unique," she says.



"It's a real point of pride for me that LVC continues to attract and inspire students who are actively seeking to make the campus a better place."



Durrell Martin '08

Engaging in Dialogue—When **Durrell Martin '08** is asked how he was galvanized toward campus activism, he tells the story of his first day at LVC. Two white students in his dorm asked him, as he unpacked his belongings, if he and his family were there to help another white student move in. "I was totally unprepared to handle that type of encounter," Martin laughs. "But I realized that some people didn't have an understanding of other groups. So I said to myself that as long as I'm going to encounter people who have

had very little exposure to minorities, I'll make it my mission to establish a dialogue with them."

Martin, a sociology major, soon joined the Office of Multicultural Affairs, where he worked with then-director **James Felton** to plan a series of Social Justice Days aimed at raising awareness of issues relating to minorities, women's issues, and the War on Terror. Martin was also active as an honorary member of the Pallas Honor Society at LVC.

Today, Martin is grateful for the opportunities he had at the College to work for change. "I think that I was able to give a different face to what it means to be black in America, to knock down this stereotype that all black males were the same," he says. "LVC was a totally different place back then—LVC is a lot more 'colorful' today."

Since graduation, Martin has returned to campus as a guest lecturer and serves on LVC's Alumni Scholarship Committee. He is keynote speaker at the Pennsylvania Sociological Society's Annual Conference at Bloomsburg University in October 2016.

Exploring the Political World—As leader of the College Republicans (now the College Conservatives), **Chad Schreier '05, M'09** directed his community engagement toward the political arena. While group members often volunteered on voter registration drives, as well as gathered signatures and prepared mailings for local candidates, the primary focus of the College Republicans was voter education and encouraging students to get involved in the political process, Schreier says.

The September 11, 2001 attacks marked a turning point in Schreier's time on campus. "I will never forget the true sense of fear as a freshman that calm September morning, as my concept of the world was turned upside down," he said in an email. While Schreier remembers that most people on campus supported the





nation's early response to the attacks, the invasion of Iraq inspired protest—most memorably, the tent city set up by members of SAGA. “Among the College Republicans, there was a lot of discussion about how we should respond to those protests,” Schreier said. “Instead of attempting to dissuade those students from their beliefs, the College Republicans worked to sell T-shirts in support of the war, and that money was donated to the troops. Several of our members wrote articles in support of the war in *La Vie* as well.”

Schreier credits his classroom experiences as a history major at Lebanon Valley with giving him the skills to step into a leadership role in the College Republicans. “The confidence I learned defending my beliefs in the classroom led me to be confident on campus,” he said. “The faculty did a great job at promoting informed activism.”

After graduation, Schreier remained in Annville to manage the LVC College Store and earn his MBA from LVC. Today, Schreier directs Jackets & Co., the bookstore at Montana State University in Billings, Mont.

A Continuing Tradition of Service and Engagement: 2010 to Today

Serving Those With Special Needs—When **Dr. Adam Abruzzo '12, D'14** came to Lebanon Valley, he joined the men's cross country team, where many of his teammates were involved in the Community Dutchmen, a service group that works with local Special Olympians. Dr. Abruzzo, a physical therapy major, was immediately drawn to the group, which held weekly practices for the athletes as well as special events such as the Quad Bowling Tournament, track and field events, and an annual swim meet at the College. “I've always had a drive to help people with special needs,”

Dr. Abruzzo says. In fact, he became president of Community Dutchmen in his sophomore year and continued to be active in the group throughout his years at The Valley.

Dr. Abruzzo thinks his involvement with Community Dutchmen helped him grow as a person and as a physical therapist. “It teaches you compassion for others, and not to take things for granted. These athletes help you see the beauty in everything,” he says. “Learning how to help out with this population benefits me even in my career now.”

A *Center for Women*—**Teddi Hermes Sakellarides '12** was committed to women's issues from the beginning of her years at LVC, so it was a natural fit for her to spearhead a movement to establish a center on campus that centralized the College's many services for women.

Sakellarides joined forces with her friend and fellow activist **Mary Auker-Endres '10** and took the idea to Dr. Romagnolo, who enthusiastically supported the women. “I was so excited to work with Mary and Teddi,” Dr. Romagnolo said. “It's difficult at times in a college setting for students to launch something new, because before they know it, they are graduating. Teddi and Mary were so passionate; I knew they were the ones to see it through.”



(l. to r.): Mary Auker-Endres '10, Teddi Hermes Sakellarides '12, and Dr. Catherine Romagnolo

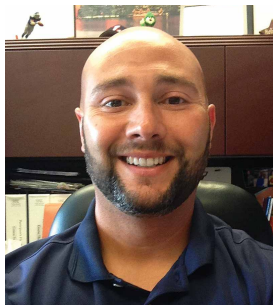


Brad Sweigart '11, Dr. Adam Abruzzo '12, D'14, and Nick Wardle '10 were active members of Community Dutchmen.

And they did: In February 2011, the Women's Services and Gender Resource Center opened in a room in the Allan W. Mund College Center. "Although it was small, it worked really well," Sakellarides said, noting that the following year, the center grew to become a full-fledged special interest house.

Today, Sakellarides is an adjunct instructor in English and sociology at LVC, and serves as the co-faculty advisor for the Feminist Club, which operates out of the Women's Center she co-founded five years ago. The center continues to be a place where all genders are informed, healthy, empowered, and safe. It continues to provide a supportive atmosphere that advocates for the elimination of inequities based on gender.

Preparing Students for Lives of Involvement



Pedro Cruz '01

While many agree that a college campus alive with involved students is a good thing, it certainly does not happen by accident. **Pedro Cruz '01** believes that instilling the values of responsibility, respect, and civic engagement must start early—and he does his best to teach these values to his students at Henry Houck Elementary School in the Lebanon School District, where he is principal.

"At the elementary level you might have a class with many races and cultures present, and we try to focus on celebrating all cultures," says Cruz, whose daughter, **Janessa Cruz '19**, is a double major in digital communications and English at LVC. "The kids get to learn from each other, and so do the staff." As students grow up learning to value and respect difference, they also begin to learn responsibility and civic engagement, Cruz says. "We want to make sure our students coming through are respectful of others and responsible, and that they understand that it's important to care for others in whatever they're doing." These elements, Cruz believes, make for young adults who are prepared to engage with new ideas while having the sense of responsibility to their community that enables them to speak out with respect and courage.

SUSTAINING A CULTURE OF COMPASSION

As they have since the earliest days, throughout the 2000s Lebanon Valley students led activities aimed at bettering their community and the world. For instance, the football team undertook projects supporting cancer research. Members of Servants of Christ built homes for the less fortunate. Other students gathered to clean up Quittie Park. In 2007, students from the Sociology Club, Iota Phi Theta, and A.S.I.A. (Asian Society in Action) lined the academic quad with 3,849 small crosses in remembrance of the soldiers killed in Iraq. Others created posters drawing attention to social injustices in North Korea, Burma, Darfur, and Nepal. In 2008, nearly 50 students formed a College chapter of Habitat for Humanity and contributed 563 hours of community service in Lebanon County.

The Fundamental Value of Campus Activism

What the alumni student-activists profiled in this issue say repeatedly is that student activism, while it may be challenging and occasionally inconvenient to the college community, is not something to be discouraged, minimized, or mocked. On the contrary, it is a sign of a healthy, engaged campus. Students who have the courage to air their grievances have learned to extend themselves and take risks, invest in causes outside themselves, and work for change—all positive characteristics that speak to the strength of their educations.

"Student activism on this campus isn't new," says **Dr. Jeffrey Robbins**, professor of religion and chair of religion and philosophy. Rather than seeking to limit such student engagement, the College should continue to embrace it, he says. "It represents the best of what LVC can become."

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— Dr. Jeffrey Robbins



President Lewis E. Thyne, Ph.D., the Board of Trustees, and anniversary co-chairs Larry Bowman '70 and Bob Johns '75 wish to thank the many alumni, faculty, students, and friends who volunteered their time toward making the College's 150th anniversary a success. We look forward to collaborating with these "Valley historians" during our celebratory year.

Anniversary co-chairs: Larry Bowman '70 and Bob Johns '75

ACADEMIC INVOLVEMENT

Dr. Mary Pettice, Digital Communications, Advertising (Fall 2015)

Elizabeth Block '17
Marissa Bowley '17
Zoe Brock '16
Haley Dobart '16
Ryan Dotson '16
Michael Ferrara '17
Ariana Freeman '16
Damian Grosso '16
Michael Halcovage '16
Timothy Harris '17
Matthew Healy '16
Emily Johnson '16
Ryan Jones '16
Tyler Kollinok '16
Timothy Lupia '16
Katherine Miller '16
Laura Posey '16
Jackson Roberts '16
Hannah Stone '16
Jeanette Tropp '17
Jeremy Wheeler '16
Tsai-Ann Yawching '16

Dr. Rebecca McCoy, History, Undergraduate Research: Sesquicentennial (Spring, Summer, and Fall 2015)

Brittany Baird '15
Michael Gang '17
Marie Gorman '17
Korissa Herrold '17
Cody Kelly '16
Brianna Leiter '17
Michael Mango-Puglisi '17
Hannah Reedy '16
Rebecca Sausser '16
Jesse Shetrom '15
Cody Stryker '16
Jeanette Tropp '17
Nikki Wilhelm '15

Dr. Jeff Ritchie, Digital Communications, LVC 150 (Spring and Fall 2015)

Adam Brock '17
Brooke Ciccocioppo '15
Joe D'Angelo '16
Megan Doris '16
Allie Fisher '17
Damian Grosso '16
Ryan Peugh '17
Ben Tanner '17

Dr. Grant Taylor, Art & Art History, LVC Reimagined: Designing the Campus of the Future (Fall 2015) and Curatorial Projects (Spring 2016)

Cara Breslin '16
Garrett Collins '17
Megan Cook '17
Caitlin Courogen '16
Heidi Deitz '18
Hannah Dieringer '17
Matthew Eshbach '17
Kathryn Freeman '16
Taylor Frey '16
Victoria Gluszko '16
Marie Gorman '17
Diana Hoffman '17
Sarah Johnson '18
Audrey Reiley '18
Rebecca Worhach '16

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

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Dr. Tom Hanrahan, co-chair
Maureen Anderson Bentz '00
Tyrone Broxton '03
Jasmine Ammons Bucher '97, M'11, P'14
Dr. Art Ford '59

Marie Gorman '17
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Marty Parkes
Dr. Jeff Robbins
Gino Trosa '06
Barb West '98
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Rev. Dr. Denny Williams H'90

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Dr. Mary Pettice, chair

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Steve Wagner

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Jen Evans, chair
Megan Cook '16
Elizabeth O'Connor '16
Courtney Wilt '17

Class News & Notes

BIRTHS

'00

Kristi Baker McMichael '00 and her husband, William, welcomed a daughter, Lily Catherine, into their family July 20, 2015. Lily joins sisters Hope, 7, and Madilyn, 4.



Hope, Lily, and Madilyn McMichael

'01

Brock Kerchner '01 and his wife, Kim, welcomed a daughter, Faith Ashlynn, into their family Aug. 11, 2015. She joins siblings Kyle, 2, and Gabriella, 6. Brock is a senior account executive and on-air talent for iHeart Media in Harrisburg.



Faith Kerchner



Owen Ralph

Matthew Ralph '01 and his wife, Sara, welcomed a son, Owen David, into their family Oct. 14, 2015.

'02

Kendra Atkinson Hoffman '02 and her husband, Christopher, welcomed a son, Eliot James, into their family July 7, 2015.



Christopher, Eliot, and Kendra Hoffman

'03

Brenda McElwee Pulaski '03 and her husband, Joseph, welcomed a son, Joseph John, into their family July 7, 2015.

'05

Sean Weir '05 and his wife, Marny, welcomed a son, Caden Ellvesee, into their family July 8, 2015.

'06

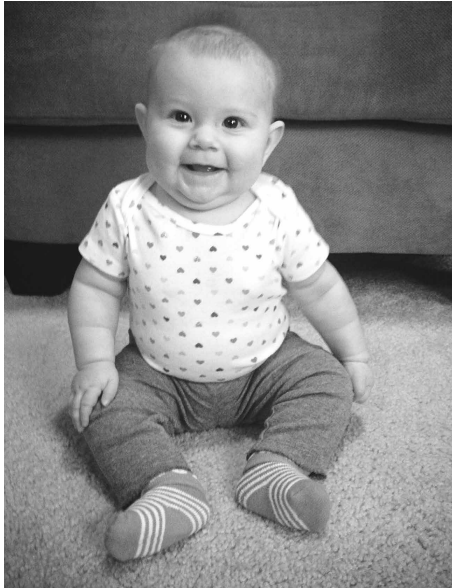
Jeff Slomski '06 and his wife, Nicole, welcomed triplets, Matthew Ian, Lana Selene, and Evan James, into their family May 22, 2015. Jeff is an actuary with Voya Financial in Windsor, Conn.



Jeff, Matthew, Lana, Evan, and Nicole Slomski

'07

Katie Markey McLaughlin '07 and her husband, **Dave McLaughlin '10**, welcomed a daughter, Lily Marie, into their family May 30, 2015. She joins brother Luke, age 3. Katie is a freelance writer



Lily McLaughlin

and part-time instructor in women's studies at Penn State York, and Dave is the web developer at Penn State York.



George, Maggie, Christine, and Francis Hayden

'08

Christine Tash Hayden '08 and her husband, George, welcomed a son, Francis Bruce, into their family June 17, 2015. He joins sister Maggie, age 3.

Katie Hewitt McDermott '08 and her husband, Sean, welcomed a daughter, Molly Rose, into their family Aug. 4, 2015. She joins brother Royce, age 2.



Sean, Molly, Katie, and Royce McDermott

'10



Charlie Baker

Alexis Wilson Baker '10 and her husband, Benjamin, welcomed a daughter, Charlie Nora, into their family Nov. 19, 2015. Alexis is the administrative assistant for facilities services at LVC.



Isaac Dempsey

Emily Berger Dempsey '10 and her husband, **Brian Dempsey '10**, welcomed a son, Isaac Charles, into their family May 29, 2015.



In honor of its founding 150 years ago, Lebanon Valley College celebrates its historic anniversary through February 2017. There will be numerous campus celebrations and many new memories made as The Valley looks forward to its next 150 years. Mark your calendar for our Homecoming Weekend 150th Anniversary Celebration, Oct. 7-9, 2016, and visit www.lvc.edu/150 to learn about other events, view the historic timeline, and purchase anniversary items.

WEDDINGS

Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin '01 and Anne Hambrick-Stowe were married May 24, 2015, at Trinity United Church of Christ in East Petersburg, where Chris is pastor. Matt Wehr '02 and Tom Busteed '09 were organists. Dr. Philip Billings, professor emeritus of English, Dr. Mary Pettice, associate professor of digital communications, Rev. Dr. Darrell Woomer, former LVC chaplain, Ben Reigner '02, Nancy Shupp Rohrer '84, Rev. Norman Bucher '50, Janet Eppley Bucher '50, Nancy Hollinger Enders '70, Paula Gahres, former assistant to the chaplain, and Deb Reagle Lichtenwalner '91 attended.



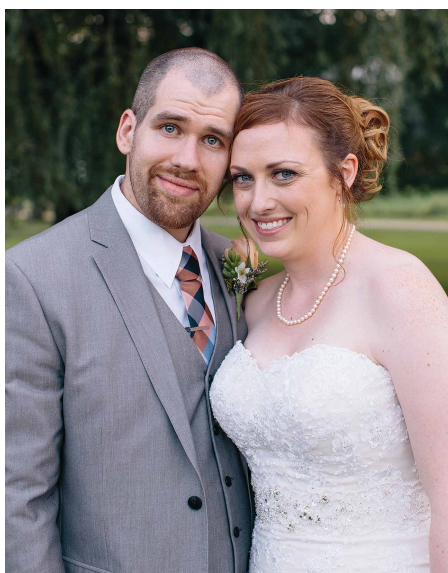
(l. to r.): Rachel Baynard, Anne Rankin, Zach Baynard, and Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin '01

Jennifer "Jen" Buehler '09 and Ryan J. Zvorsky '09 were married June 27, 2015, in Pottsville. Steve Wisner '09, Dr. Lauren Romano Houser '08, D'10, Megan Steffy Ossman '09, and Kenny Houser '08, LVC adjunct instructor in chemistry, were in the bridal party. Susan Watts Dubbs '07, Justin McClure '09, Bill Best '09, Kim Danfelt Sanders '09, Kelly Danfelt '10, Sarah Rish '10, Dr. Stephanie McKay '11, D'13, and Cody Kelly '16 attended.

Megan Siegel '09 and James Backing were married July 19, 2015, in Newton, N.J. Beth Templin Edwards '08 was in the bridal party. Jason Roach '08, Molly Hoshour '08, Yesenia Santiago O'Brien '09, Chelsie Miller Spotts '09, and Andrew Spotts '07 attended.



(front, l. to r.): Reid Buehler, Nicholas Stranges, and Olivia Whitaker
(back, l. to r.): Josh Buehler, David Zvorsky, Kenny Houser '08, Dillon Zvorsky, Steve Wisner '09, Austin Schultz, David Schultz, Nick Zvorsky, Ryan Zvorsky '09, Jen Buehler Zvorsky '09, Dr. Lauren Romano Houser '08, D'10, Megan Steffy Ossman '09, Elizabeth Whitaker, Sarah McKeown, Sophia Whitaker, and Alicia Moore



James Backing and Megan Siegel Backing '09

Sarah Grodzinski '10 and Adam Brashear '09 were married July 11, 2015, in Mt. Gretna. Ethan Grodzinski '13, Karis Brashear '19, Matthew Grodzinski '12, Justin Lutz '09, Amanda Cole '08, Mike Stephens '10, Suzy Biever '12, Caleb Flick '07, Heather Meier '09, Tim Kissinger '09, and Jerry Boyer '09 attended. Adam is the son of Carol Brashear, LVC Physical Therapy Department assistant. Sarah is a LVC adjunct instructor in English.

Alyssa Bender '11 and Brent Russell were married Aug. 15, 2015, in Richboro. Erin Brubaker '11, Emily Gertenbach '11, and Sarah Kaltreider '11 were in the bridal party. Dr. Rachel Lindt '12, D'14, Elyse Turr '06, Sean Deffley '11, Megan Gehman Shoemaker '10,



(l. to r.): Carol Brashear, Dan Grodzinski, Ethan Grodzinski '13, Sarah Grodzinski Brashear '10, Adam Brashear '09, Matthew Grodzinski '12, Linda Grodzinski, Roger Brashear, Karis Brashear '19, and Heidi Erdman



(front, l. to r.): Erin Brubaker '11, Sarah Kaltreider '11, Alyssa Bender Russell '11, Brent Russell, Emily Gertenbach '11, Sarah Rosborough '11, and Mark Rosborough '11
(back, l. to r.): Dr. Rachel Lindt '12, D'14, Corey Greene, Sean Deffley '11, Elyse Turr '06, Megan Gehman Shoemaker '10, Sam Shoemaker '11, and Tony Gorick '11

Sam Shoemaker '11, Tony Gorick '11, Sarah Rosborough '11, Mark Rosborough '11, and Corey Greene attended.

Kathryn Cerullo '11 and Aaron Trasatt '11 were married Oct. 3, 2015, in Leola. Julie Vonhauser '11, Jennifer Zeller '13, Amber Keeseman Cenci '11, and Dr. Erika Herzer '11, D'13 were in the bridal party. Charles Shupp '75, uncle of the groom, Curt Cenci '11, Truman Webb '11, Abby Tomlinson '12,

Anthony Lattanze '07, Sarah Abbott Lattanze '09, Mike Washkevich '98, Ben Weber '12, Rachel Leer Weber '12, Keith Novak '12, Megan Santaniello Novak '12, Andy Mowatt '09, Jason "Jay" Baab '02, Ben Eberts '02, Michael Druck '13, Jennifer Heck Druck '12, Logan Kurtek '14, Rebecca Myers '15, Mike Wittrien '02, David Yinger '03, and Dr. Michelle Niculescu, associate professor of psychology and director of neuroscience at LVC, attended. Katie is a data manager with



Adam Devine '10 and Ashley Collins Devine '11

the Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey and Aaron is a musician with the American Music Theater in Lancaster.

Ashley E. Collins '11 and Adam J. Devine '10 were married June 26, 2015, in Zimmerman Recital Hall at LVC. Mark Thomas '10 was in the wedding party. Dr. Emily Allison Houseknecht '09, D'11, Heidi Allison '08, Ashley L. Weaver '11, Jesse Gallo '11, Zachary Strohm, Esq., '09, Kevin Antol '13, and Sara Strouse '10 attended.



(front, l. to r.): Dr. Erika Herzer '11, D'13, Julie Vonhauser '11, Katie Cerullo Trasatt '11, Aaron Trasatt '11, Jennifer Zeller '13, Amber Keeseman Cenci '11, and Rebecca Myers '15
(back, l. to r.): Rachel Leer Weber '12, Ben Weber '12, Mike Washkevich '98, Mike Wittrien '02, Megan Santaniello Novak '12, Keith Novak '12, Ben Eberts '02, Andy Mowatt '09, Jay Baab '02, David Yinger '03, Charles Shupp '75, Jennifer Heck Druck '12, Curt Cenci '11, Michael Druck '13, and Logan Kurtek '14



Talon Kephart and Emily Gertenbach '11

Emily Gertenbach '11 and Talon Kephart were married Oct. 9, 2015, in Lancaster. Molly Gertenbach '16, sister of the bride, Erin Brubaker '11, Sean Deffley '11, Tony Gorick '11, Jamie Latshaw '11, Dr.

Rachel Lindt '12, D'14, Amy Mastrangelo '13, Sara Rosborough '11, Mark Rosborough '11, Alyssa Bender Russell '11, Megan Gehman Shoemaker '10, Sam Shoemaker '11, and Laura Waldron '11 attended. Emily is a senior recruiting specialist at Eurofins Microbiology Laboratories, in Lancaster.



(front): Katie Seigendall Jablonski '12, Tasnah Moyer, Allison Humphries, Ryan Grusmeyer '12, and Doug MacDonald
(back): Anne Gibson, Ashten O'Brien Gentzler '11, Mary Kent Humphries '11, Ryan Humphries '12, Andrew Radcliffe, Joe Jablonski '12, and Brian Kent

Mary Alyce Kent '11 and Ryan Humphries '12 were married June 20, 2015, in Fawn Grove. Katie Seigendall Jablonski '12, Joe Jablonski '12, Ryan "Goose" Grusmeyer '12, and Ashten O'Brien Gentzler '11 were in the bridal party. Mary Gardner '13, her mother, Mary Gardner, LVC's aquatics director and head swim coach, Erik Brandt '13, Noelle Brossman '14, Jennifer Kuntz '03, LVC visiting assistant professor of education, and Jason Kuntz, former LVC director of residential life, attended.

Dr. Jordan Nendza '12, D'14 and Dr. Timothy Greiner '11, D'14 were married Oct. 17, 2015, in Wrightsville. Dr. Heather Brown '12, D'14, Dr. Anthony Mayers '12, D'14, Dr. Michael Fink, associate professor of physical therapy at LVC, Dr. Corey Higgins '11, D'14, Ann Marie Christine Crider '11, Tierney Snyder '12, Matt Robb '11, Dr. Megan MacDonald '12, D'14, Dr. Lauren Grande '12, D'14, Sarah Drabenstadt '12, Dr. Matt Conroy '12, D'14, Justin Ackley '10, Greg Newman '11, Dr. Kristen Pifer '12, D'14, and James "Jamie" Hill '12 attended.



Dr. Jordan Nendza Greiner '12, D'14 and Dr. Timothy Greiner '11, D'14

Megan L. Santaniello '12 and Keith M. Novak '12 were married Jan. 3, 2015, in Bethlehem. Kelsey Robinson '14, Amanda Wise Kazi '12, Brian Kerns '11, and Christopher Kazi '10 were in the bridal party. Brad O'Connell '11 was the officiant.



Keith Novak '12 and Megan Santaniello Novak '12

Megan Koenig '13 and Alexander Talarico '13 were married March 28, 2015, in Bethlehem. Zoe Sponeybarger '12, Lindsay Cirone '13, Cortney Albert '13, Matthew Nesmith, Michael Harnish '15, Patrick Tierney '13, and



Numerous alumni attended the wedding celebration of Megan Koenig Talarico '13 (front, c.) and Alex Talarico '13, including Jon Riley '15, Christopher Black '12, Stephen Chappell '12, Matthew Nesmith, Michael Harnish '15, Cody Lloyd '12, Dana Stockdale '15, Nick D'Angelo '12, Mark Garraway '11, Kate Anderson '13, Christopher Sayous '15, Elliott Bonds '14, Andrew Goelz '15, Gabriel Lincoln-De Custatis '12, Patrick Tierney '13, Lindsay Cirone '13, Alyssa Miller '14, Zoe Sponeybarger '12, Cortney Albert '13, Danielle Biggs '13, Cynthia Adams '14

Andrew Goelz '15 were in the bridal party. Jon Riley '15, Christopher Black '12, Stephen Chappell '12, Cody Lloyd '12, Dana Stockdale '15, Nick D'Angelo '12, Mark Garraway '11, Kate Anderson '13, Christopher Sayous '15, Elliott Bonds '14, Gabriel Lincoln-De Custatis '12, Alyssa Miller '14, Danielle Biggs '13, and Cynthia Adams '14 attended.

CLASS NOTES

'40s

In August 2015, Nancy B. Schreiber-Moore '45 celebrated her 91st birthday as well as the 70th anniversary of her graduation from LVC. After teaching at South Lebanon Elementary School for many years, she now enjoys reading, doing puzzles, being outdoors, and tending her many animals.

'50s

Jack Snaveley '50 and his wife, Jo Ellen, traveled on three trips in 2015—to Iceland, Italy (including the Amalfi Coast and Cinque Terre), and Norway, where they cruised beyond the Arctic



Jo Ellen and Jack Snively '50

Circle. Snively sends best wishes to all his music classmates and encourages the Class of 1950 to send in Class Notes with updates regarding what they have been doing over the years.

Betty Criswell Hungerford '54, H'09 was installed as the 2015–2016 president of the Rotary Club of Harrisburg. Her term ends June 2016.



Betty Criswell Hungerford '54, H'09

June Lykens Lantz '57 and her husband, **Rev. W. Franklin Lantz '57**, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in September 2015. They met at LVC and married after their sophomore year. Before her retirement, June taught in the Warwick School District for 24 years. She is an organist at Hempfield Church of the Brethren. After pastoring several Evangelical United

Brethren and United Church of Christ churches, Rev. Lantz served 26 years as administrator at Brethren Village, Homestead Village, and Christian Concern Inc., in Norristown.

Bernerd A. Buzgon, Esq., '59 was named a Lebanon School District Distinguished Alumnus. The award was established in 2006 to honor accomplished graduates of Lebanon High School.

'60s

Rev. Russell Stahley '60 released his second children's book, *Bethlehem Stagecoach*, in December 2015. His first book, *Why the Wolf Howls—A Story for Christmas*, was published in 2014. He volunteers at the Manheim Community Library, where he enjoys chatting with the children.

Marilyn Rinker Jennerjohn '62 published a book of essays that is available on Amazon.com.

Charles Burkhardt '64 was inducted into the Berks County Tennis Association Hall of Fame.

Carl L. Marshall '65 received an award from the Historic Harrisburg Association for his contributions as “an outstanding volunteer and friend.” During the nearly 40 years he has been involved with the association, he has chaired or co-chaired several candlelight house tours, served as board vice president, and worked on many committees.

Steve Roberts '65, CEO of EchoData Fulfillment, proudly announced that EchoData Group was named to the Inc. 5000 list of fastest-growing companies in the U.S. The list recognizes companies that have experienced the greatest level of sales growth during the past three years.

Albert C. Bullard '66 published a book, *The Hop Farmer's Year: The Seasons, Tools & Methods of Hop Growers in New York State's Golden Age of Hops*. It is the result of 49 years in the field as well as research into the history of hop growing.

Larry J. Painter '67 retired in May 2015, after 25.5 years in his second career as a high school social studies teacher. His first retirement was in 1989, after 20 years with the U.S. Air Force.

Jay “Smokey” Mengel '68 and his wife, Lois Demarco, published a field guide to Western trees, titled *Identifying Trees of the West: An All-Season Guide to Western North America*. Jay spent a career in the U.S. Air Force as a fighter pilot and staff officer. After retiring in 1996, he has been a boat captain, nature tour guide, park ranger at Yellowstone National Park, and botany technician for the National Forest Service.

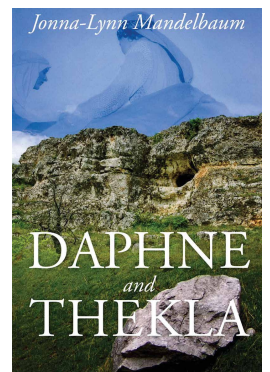
Dr. Jonna-Lynn Mandelbaum '69 released her latest book, *Daphne and Thekla*, a historical novel about a legendary first-century woman who worked with the apostle Paul. Her books are available online.

'70s

Dr. Terry Carrilio '71

recently left a seven-year position in Washington, D.C., where she worked on national security issues. She is now a psychotherapist at Imperial Beach Community Health Center in California.

James “Penn” Bowditch '72 and his wife, Maria, welcomed home their daughter, Emily, after six years spent teaching abroad.





(l. to r.): Carol Rutt Jennings '72, Barb Robertson Bohlander '69, and Leslie Bair Decker '69

Carol Rutt Jennings '72 was thrilled to get back to Pennsylvania and catch up with classmates at LVC's 2015 Homecoming. "Reuniting with classmates after 40 years is so heartwarming, and it reaffirms how much friendships forged at LVC are valued and cherished," she says.

Dr. Anthony Leach '73 received the Kjell Meling Award for Distinction in the Arts and Humanities from Penn State University. The award honors the memory of the longtime Penn State Altoona associate dean for academic affairs. It also memorializes his love of literature and language, and his unwavering support for the development of the school's faculty as scholars and artists.

Doug Yingst '73 retired as the Hershey Bears' longtime president and general



Stephen Scanniello '78 and Julie Andrews

manager (GM). He joined the Bears in 1982 as sales and promotions manager, became GM in 1996, and president/GM in 1997. He led the Bears through the best five-year run in American Hockey League history from 2006-2010, during which the team won three Calder Cups and vied for a fourth.

Terry Bone '77 lives in Norway, where he repairs flutes, saxophones, and woodwinds for Norway's top professional musicians. He performs all over Norway, and composes, teaches, and conducts. Recently, he was invited to give seminars and repair instruments in Finland, Iceland, and Vietnam.

Dan Sweigart '77 retired Oct. 1, 2015, from The Hershey Company as a Hershey Fellow in the chocolate research group

after 32 years with the company. He started working for the company in 1983 as an analytical chemist in the quality assurance department.

Stephen Scanniello '78 and actress Julie Andrews were honored at the New York Botanical Garden's 25th annual Rose Garden Dinner on Oct. 8, 2015. It was beyond magical. "Our entrance was down the grand staircase of the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden with the overture to 'Sound of Music' on the P.A. system," Stephen remembers.

In conjunction with American Education Week, the Lebanon School District and the Friends of Education recognized several volunteers as Friends of Education for their volunteerism with the school district. Among the honorees were Brenda Kling Harwick '78, a retired school district employee, who was honored for providing teaching assistance at Southwest Elementary School; Nancy Strohm '90, a social worker at the Lebanon Veteran's Medical Center, who was recognized for helping run the Southeast Elementary School's edible schoolyard program; and Rick Beard '90, M'92, LVC athletic director, who was honored for providing venues for the district's athletic program.

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Please contact Danielle Vigilante Webb at 1-866-582-1866 or vigilant@lvc.edu if you have any questions or want to participate in the Vickroy challenge.

Rev. Dennis Keller '79 is the senior pastor of First United Methodist Church in Mechanicsburg. In November, he and his wife, **Betsy Miller Keller '79**, became grandparents for the second time.



Kirk Wise '79

Kirk Wise '79 won the Simply the Best Award for best jazz musician from Harrisburg Magazine in 2015. His band, the Jazz Me Rhythm & Blues Band, also won for best local band. The band has earned the award for six consecutive years. Kirk recently released his first solo CD, "It's Just Me...by Kirk Wise 'The Music Man.'"

'80s

Walter "Walt" Fullam '80 is the senior director of statewide continuing education for the Pennsylvania State University, and continues to lead the Office of Continuing Education at Penn State Berks on a half-time basis.

Kay King Hatch '81 retired from teaching music after 27 years, primarily at Stillwater Elementary School in New Jersey.

After the church shootings in Charleston, S.C., last summer, the **Rev. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette '82** wrote a hymn, "They Met to Read the Bible," which

has been sung throughout the U.S. and internationally.

Dr. Jeffrey Riehl '83 was appointed chair of the department of music at the University of Richmond. He also received the university's Distinguished Educator Award for his outstanding contributions to excellence in education.

Joyce Swinesburg Ceresini '86 retired in June 2015 after teaching in the licensed practical nursing department at the Lebanon County Career and Technical School for 34 years. Prior to beginning her teaching career, she was employed at the Lebanon Veteran's Hospital and Cedar Haven. Joyce plans to travel and volunteer.

Herbert "Bert" Kriegh '87 is the CEO of the Western New York branch of Pella Corp., Westny Products. He also owns three Pella Corp. branches in Pennsylvania and Indiana.

Dr. Laura E. Pence '87 was elected to the board of directors of the American Chemical Society for a three-year term beginning January 2016. She is a professor of chemistry at the University of Hartford.

Margie Mohl Groy '88, M'11, a realtor with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Homesale Realty in Lebanon, tied for No. 1 Listing Agent in November 2015. A realtor for more than 17 years, Margie is also a professional photographer.

'90s

Scott A. Barlup '90 is a sales and marketing representative for Fastline Publications. In March 2015, he received the G.W. and Mary Ann Howard Award for being named 2014 sales representative of the year.

Dr. Karen Beres '91 was named interim dean of the School of Music at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts in July 2015. Active as a solo and collaborative artist, she has performed throughout the U.S.

Robert Bledsoe M'93 was named an agent with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Homesale Realty in their Elizabethtown office.

Dr. Douglas Gautsch M'94, visiting LVC professor of business administration, received his doctorate in business management from Pace University in October 2015. He has been an adjunct faculty member at LVC since 1999.

Nick Rowe M'94, senior vice president of American Water's Central Division, was named president of Kentucky American Water. He has held various roles with American Water over nearly 30 years.

In July 2015, **Brian Stanilla '96** and his business partner received the 2015 Leon Hoover Entrepreneurial Spirit Award from the Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce for their business, Sew Unique Custom Embroidery Inc.

Christopher D. Ziegenfuss '97 is the laboratory manager and senior mass spectroscopist for BioPharmaSpec Inc. in Malvern.

Joshua Kesler '98 was named Entrepreneur of the Year by The Harrisburg Regional Chamber & Capital Region Economic Development Corporation during their 2015 Catalyst Awards ceremony in December 2015. Josh is the owner of The Millworks in Harrisburg.

Kevin Martin '99 is the director of compliance services with Teraverde Management Advisors in Lancaster.

G. Scott Myers '99 was named a 2015 "Forty Under 40" award recipient by the Central Penn Business Journal. He is a certified public accountant with Reinsel Kuntz Leshner LLP in York.

Derek A. Perini '99 is senior interior designer at Bernardon in Kennett Square. He has designed the interiors of several multi-million-dollar continuing-care retirement communities.

'00s

Diane Mensch Kauffman A'98, '00 was named president of the American Subcontractors Association of Central Pennsylvania for a two-year term. She is controller at Durex Coverings in Brownstown.

Heather Gateau McEndree '00 received the 2015 Musikgarten Exemplary Program Award. She is an instructor and program director with the Cumberland Valley School of Music.

Jason Newman '00, pianist and composer, released his debut album, "Entwined," in 2015. Along with his solo career, Jason is a veteran music instructor who works with students in piano repertoire, improvisation, and composition in his home studio.

Ryan M. Kleinfelter '01 was named a 2015 "Forty Under 40" award recipient by the Central Penn Business Journal. He is a senior manager with SF&Company in Wormleysburg.

AnneMarie Cucore McCauley '01 is the director of the allied health/health care management programs at Immaculata University.

Jesse D. Clark '02 was commissioned by the Berks Opera Company to create an overlay of electronic music for the

Walpurgisnacht Ballet from Charles Gounod's opera, "Faust." The opera was performed in August 2015 in the Reading Area Community College's Miller Center for the Arts. Jesse is a full-time doctoral candidate at Temple University.

W01 Jonathan Crane '02 is the commander of the Military Intelligence Corps Band. He is based in Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Patrick Grant '02 is the manager of premium seating/Hershey Bears season tickets and group sales with Hershey Entertainment & Resorts.

P03 Jordan Sigler Stoner '03 graduated with honors in July 2015 from Fire Controlman A School as a Petty Officer Third Class in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Adam Bentz '04 is the archivist/librarian for the Lebanon County Historical Society's Hauck Memorial Archives and Library. He also is an adjunct instructor of history at LVC.

Katherine "Kate" Bright '05 received the American Center for Elemental Music and Movement Spotlight Award for September 2015. She teaches music instruction at the Lincoln Charter School in York.

Maureen Dolk-Metcalf '05 is the director of hospice services at Masonic Villages in Elizabethtown.

Andrew Gena '05 is a strategic researcher for the Amalgamated Transit Union in Washington, D.C.

Kate Ruhl Gerdes '05 is the assistant director of short-term programs and outreach at BCA Study Abroad in Elizabethtown.

Dr. Jordan Miller '05 is a visiting assistant professor of religion at Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I.

John Rizzo '05 was named principal at Jonestown Elementary for the 2015-2016 school year.

Rachel Clark Sargent '05 was elected secretary of the south-central chapter of Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She is also the CFO at PPC Lubricants Inc.

Kristin Showalter Smith '05 completed her Orff-Schulwerk certification through the University of the Arts in July 2015. She is an elementary music specialist in the Howard County Public School System in Columbia, Md., and is active with the American Center for Elemental Music and Movement.

Sara A. Smith '05 is deputy editor for Congressional Quarterly in Washington, D.C.

Brendon Herr '06 is the head ice hockey coach at Chatham High School in Chatham County, N.J.

Catherine T. Roth '06 is an account manager with DMW Direct, a direct response advertising agency in Chesterbrook.

Kelly Godfrey '08 is the manager of the audit services group at Reinsel Kuntz Leshner LLP, in their Reading office.

Shaun Kreider '08 designed the logo for the new Bethlehem Steel Football Club, which is the minor league affiliate of Major League Soccer's Philadelphia Union.

Dr. Mike Porambo '09 received his doctorate in physical chemistry from the University of Illinois, Urbana.

'10s

Michael R. Chabitnoy '10 received his juris doctorate from Penn State University—Dickinson Law, in 2015.

Guillermo Muñoz Küster '10 is the director of adult choirs at Glenview Community Church in Glenview, Ill.

Seth A. Mendelsohn, Esq., M'10 was elected president of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute's board of directors. In May 2015, he became executive deputy insurance commissioner for the Pennsylvania Insurance Department. Seth also serves on LVC's Board of Trustees.

Aaron C. Miller '10 received his juris doctorate from the University of Buffalo in 2015.

Paul D. Anderson '11 received his juris doctorate from Penn State University—Dickinson Law, in 2015.

Alex de la Torre '11 is a first-year law student at Wake Forest University.

Dustin Adam '12 was elected to the Northeast Berks Chamber of Commerce board of directors in December 2015, for a three-year term. He is a financial advisor for Edward Jones in Fleetwood.

Christa Levko '12 received her juris doctorate from Hofstra University in 2015.

Lauren Brugger Rosenbaum '12 received her MBA and juris doctorate from Marquette University in 2015.

Adnan Pasic M'13 is vice president and commercial relationship officer with York Township-based PeoplesBank.

Jordan Weaver '13 is a member of the Kenyan women's national rugby team, the Lionesses. She was introduced to—and fell in love with—the sport while a student at LVC. She is pursuing a master's degree in counseling psychology at the United States International University–Africa in Nairobi, where she also works.

Cynthia Adams '14, D'16 was nominated for the NCAA's 2015 Woman of the Year award. She joins 480 female student-athletes as nominees for the award across all divisions. She was one of 180 NCAA Division III student-athletes nominated.

Alex Philip '14 is a first-year law student at Widener University Commonwealth Law School.

Matthew Ramage '14 had his musical composition, "Mutability," performed by the Toledo Symphony Orchestra.

Ryan A. Salem '14 is a first-year law student at Penn State University—Penn State Law.

Gregory T. Seiders '14, a student at Widener University Commonwealth Law School, was named to the Widener Law Journal for the 2015–2016 academic year.

Teressa "Tessa" Deardorff '15 is the softball coach at Penns Valley Area School District.

Melanie Frederick '15 is an elementary general music specialist at Mt. Airy and Hurt elementary schools in Pittsylvania County, Va. Her mentor-teacher is the **Rev. Carol M. Moorefield '77**, who is in her 35th year of teaching, 14 of which have been in Pittsylvania County. Rev. Moorefield is the general music specialist at Gretna Elementary School.

Rebecca Myers '15 is the high school choral director at Eastern York School District in Wrightsville. She is a fourth-generation graduate of LVC.

Emily D. Peters '15 is a first-year law student at Ohio Northern University.

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Capt. Charles T. Cooper, associate professor *emeritus* of Spanish at LVC, celebrated his 96th birthday by traveling to his hometown in San Angelo, Texas, and to the submarine base at Groton, Conn., where he served numerous assignments throughout his Navy career.

Mary Newcomer Eshleman and her husband, C. Raymond Eshleman, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Jan. 19. Mary was an executive secretary at LVC for several years, working for presidents Frederick P. Sample and John Synodinos.

Bishop Edward Malesic was ordained bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on July 13, 2015. He is the spiritual leader of 144,000 Roman Catholics across Westmoreland, Armstrong, Indiana, and Fayette counties.

'30s

Catherine "Kit" Heckman Nitrauer '34 died July 12, 2015, in Lebanon at the age of 102. She taught music and French at Highspire High School and organized the first band, orchestra, and chorus. She later taught fifth- and sixth-grade at Myerstown Elementary before retiring in 1976. Nitrauer was a member of Myerstown United Church of Christ, where she sang in the choir, directed the Sunday school choir, and was a substitute church choir director. She is survived by a great-granddaughter, Samantha A. Shimp '15.

Iva Clair Weirick Edwards '36 died Aug. 22, 2015, in Shelburne, Vt., at the age of 100. She volunteered in nursing homes well into her 80s. As a result, she was named Woman of the Year in Kingsport, Tenn. She was an ardent golfer, bridge player, swimmer, and could play a mean piano. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert Edwards '36, and a sister, Charlotte Weirick McFaul '34. She is survived by a brother, Ernie Weirick '39.

Nancy Bowman Hatz '36 died Jan. 20 in Elizabethtown at the age of 100. She was on the music faculty at Susquehanna University for 23 years, and later taught at Elizabethtown College for 15 years. Hatz was president of the Harmonia Music Association and the Pennsylvania Federation of Music Clubs. In March 2010, she was recognized by the Harrisburg Symphony for playing French horn in their first concert in 1933. Hatz was a recipient of LVC's Dr. June E. Herr '34 Educator of the Year Award in 2012, and in 2015 she was inducted into the Lebanon County Musicians Hall of Fame. In 2011, she donated a collection of string instruments to LVC, including a German violin (built in 1780) and a Czech violin (built in 1880), several of which are used by student performers today. Hatz was predeceased by her husband, Russell C. Hatz '37.

Edith Metzger Booser '39 died Aug. 15, 2015, in Middletown at the age of 97. She was the manager of family-owned apartments. She was a member of the Middletown First Church of God and taught Sunday school for 28 years. Booser served the Girl Scouts of the United States in various roles from 1960 to 1979, and received national recognition for her work.

'40s

William Scherfel Jr. '40 died June 15, 2015, in Spring City at the age of 97. He was a World War II Army veteran, receiving three Battle Stars for his service in the European theatre. Scherfel had been a Republican committeeperson since 1976, and served as justice of the peace for 18 years and as township supervisor for North Coventry Twp. He was employed as an insurance salesman for 25 years. Scherfel

is survived by a daughter, Bette Scherfel Kaneda '71, and a son-in-law, Dr. Robert Kaneda '69. He was predeceased by his wife, Jane Smith Scherfel '43.

Herbert Russell Greider Sr. '42 died July 6, 2015, in Harrisburg at the age of 95. He served with the 385th Bomb Group of the Eighth Air Force during World War II and flew 35 missions over continental Europe as a B-17 navigator. He was awarded the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the French Legion of Honor Chevalier Medal. Greider later worked for the U.S. Navy in Philadelphia, helping develop pressure suits for high-altitude aircraft pilots. He also worked for McDonnell Aircraft Corp., Martin Marietta Corp., and NASA at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, from which he retired in 1985. Greider worked on the Mercury, Apollo, Skylab, and space shuttle projects. He is survived by a brother, Grant Greider '65.

Viola Snell Maury '42 died Sept. 16, 2015, in Findlay, Ohio, at the age of 94. She taught at Orbisonia High School early in her career. After living at various military posts with her husband, who was a captain in the Army Air Corps, Maury and her family settled in Baltimore, Md. Maury organized and operated two private kindergartens, and taught junior high school English and math. She also worked for the Social Security Administration headquarters for 25 years. Maury was predeceased by her husband, Gustav T. Maury '40.

Dr. Doris Smith Watson '43 died Aug. 18, 2015, in Oakhurst, N.J., at the age of 93. She was an organist and choir director at First Presbyterian Church, Staten Island, and was instrumental in bringing English handbells into American church services. Her book, *The Handbell Choir*, served as a manual for church, school, and community groups. She was an elementary and music teacher in the Township of Ocean school system for 30 years.

Frank A. Kuhn '46 died Aug. 15, 2015, in Lebanon at the age of 97. He served in Southeast Asia during World War II. He was a standout athlete and coach who is a member of the LVC and Lebanon School District halls of fame. Kuhn taught health and physical education, and coached basketball, baseball, and football during his more than 37 years in the Lebanon School District. He also managed the Lebanon Country Club swimming pool for more than 40 summers and coached the club's swim team for 20 years.

Barbara Kolb Beittel '47 died Dec. 2, 2015, in Ohio at the age of 89. She was an elementary music teacher and supervisor in public schools. She was an adjunct faculty member at several colleges, retiring as an associate professor at West Virginia University. Beittel was a pianist, giving recitals in

England and Germany, and performed with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra. She helped serve churches in Connecticut, Chicago, West Virginia, and Ohio. Beittel was predeceased by her husband, Rev. Dale R. Beittel '45.

Jean Myers Swanson '47 died Dec. 19, 2015, in Chambersburg at the age of 89. She was an elementary school teacher, serving at Beaver-Adams Elementary School and in the Midd-West and Berlin Brothersvalley school districts. She served as choir director at Trinity Lutheran Church in McClure, and at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Berlin. Swanson was a member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chambersburg. She volunteered with Meals on Wheels and at the Chambersburg Hospital.

Franklin H. Unger '47 died Oct. 25, 2015, in Neptune, N.J., at the age of 94. He was a World War II veteran, serving as a trumpet soloist with the 513th Army Air Force Band in Mississippi and England. Unger was the band director and supervisor of music at Lakewood High School, N.J., for 32 years. He served several churches as choir director, and was a member of the American Federation of Musicians, New Jersey Band Directors Association, and Music Educators National Conference. He was inducted into the Lakewood Hall of Fame in 1995.

Rose Marie Root Awkerman '49 died Dec. 3, 2015, in Lebanon at the age of 88. She served for more than 40 years as the office and business manager for the Awkerman Veterinary Clinic in Manheim, where her husband, Loy, practiced. She was a charter member of the Manheim Student Loan Association, president of the Women's Club of Manheim, a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Lancaster, and a 60-year member of the Lebanon Country Club. She was a Bible scholar, avid reader, and great sports enthusiast. Awkerman is survived by a granddaughter, Amy Delozier '06. She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Loy C. Awkerman '50, by three months.

Dr. Donald V. Malick '49 died July 18, 2015, in Hegins at the age of 89. He served two years in the Army Air Corps Cadet Program. After post-graduate training, he established the bronchoscopy department at Good Samaritan Hospital in Pottsville, and started his medical practice in Hegins in 1954. Malick was on staff at the Pottsville Hospital, where he assisted in general surgery. He was a member of Friedens United Church of Christ, Hegins. He was a private pilot and owned a gyrocopter. Malick is survived by a son-in-law, Dr. V. Scott Deiter '74.

William "Bill" T. Moore '49 died Oct. 25, 2015, in Ogden, Utah, at the age of 89. He served in the U.S. Air Force as an aviation cadet. He worked 17 years as an engineering manager at

Westinghouse Bettis Atomic Power Lab in West Mifflin. Moore transferred with Westinghouse Electric Corporation to a subsidiary called Western Zirconium Inc., in Ogden, Utah, where he was the manager of production control.

Ralph A. Oswald '49 died March 22, 2015, in San Francisco, Calif., at the age of 88.

Dr. Dene Thomas Walters '49 died Aug. 14, 2015, in Wilmington, Del., at the age of 90. He served in the 94th Infantry Division in the European theatre during World War II. He was a family doctor in North Wilmington, then in 1971 started a family medicine residency program at the Wilmington Medical Center. He served as the program director until his retirement in 1992. He also was a clinical professor in the department of family medicine at Jefferson Medical College. Walters enjoyed world travel, woodworking, and jazz and classical music.

Barbara Blouch Weimer '49 died June 20, 2015, in Mechanicsburg at the age of 87. She was a founding member of a New York fire department and one of the first women firefighters on Long Island. She volunteered as an EMT and was a supporting member of Silver Spring Ambulance. Weimer found great reward in community service, working with the American Red Cross, Boy and Girl Scouts of America, as well as social and religious work. She enjoyed traveling, gardening, bird-watching, knitting, quilting, and sewing.

'50s

Dr. Loy C. Awkerman '50 died Aug. 29, 2015, in Lebanon at the age of 89. He was a veterinarian for 42 years, practicing in Manheim. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. In 1987, he received the University of Pennsylvania's Veterinary Award of Merit, and in 1999 was named Veterinarian of the Year by the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association. Awkerman was a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lancaster. He served on the advisory board of Fulton Bank's Manheim branch for 24 years, and was a member of the Manheim Lions Club, and a 60-year member of the Lebanon Country Club. His love of sports led him to become the coordinator of the Manheim Lions Club Relays during the 1960s, introducing distance relay races for girls, which were unheard of at that time in Lancaster County. He was a history buff, authoring and co-authoring several books and papers of local historical significance. He was an avid backpacker, biker, hiker, lover of the outdoors, and lover of animals. Awkerman is survived by a granddaughter, Amy Delozier '06. He preceded his wife, Rose Marie Root Awkerman '49, in death by three months.

Hugh W. Eberly '50 died Nov. 9, 2015, in Reading at the age of 89. He was a chemist at Pfizer in Lititz for 25 years, retiring in 1984. He was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Millbach. Eberly was a member of Millcreek Rod & Gun Club, the National Rifle Association, and enjoyed gardening, reading, fishing, the outdoors, and baseball. Eberly is survived by a daughter, Jean Eberly '80.

Simon John Meyer '50 died Nov. 13, 2015, in Reading at the age of 89. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Meyer was an engineer for Bethlehem Steel for 32 years and retired in 1983. He was a member of the Prime Timers at St. Benedicts Roman Catholic Church and the Annville American Legion.

Dr. Samuel A. Conway '51 died June 30, 2015, in Hanover at the age of 98. He served with the U.S. Army Air Corps Signal Corp detachment during World War II. He was a chiropractor and operated his practice in Hanover for 32 years before retiring in 1982. Conway was a member of St. Paul's Union Church, served on the board of the National College of Chiropractic, and was president of the local chiropractic association.

Paul "P." Jay Flocken, Esq., '51 died Aug. 16, 2015, in Stratford, Conn., at the age of 86. During law school, he worked as a reporter for Business Week magazine in Washington, D.C. He served as a trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, then joined the New York office of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft in 1963, where he was a partner from 1965-1983. Following retirement from Cadwalader, he worked in the law department of Ingersoll-Rand Company. Flocken served several terms as an elder on the Session of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church.

Thomas F. Kirchoff, Esq., '52 died Aug. 25, 2015, in Pittsford, N.Y., at the age of 86. He was a chemist and patent attorney. In 1967, he joined the international patent department of Eastman Kodak, retiring in 1992. He was a founder of Church of the Transfiguration in Pittsford, N.Y. Kirchoff's compassion and commitment toward those less fortunate led him to decades of charity work with many organizations.

Dr. Miriam Light Dengler '53 died Dec. 4, 2015, in Lebanon at the age of 86. She was a self-employed podiatrist, practicing for more than 50 years. She was a member of Fairland Brethren in Christ Church in Cleona and the American Podiatric Medical Association. She and her husband hosted exchange students for 16 years. Dengler is survived by a grandson, Joel Ramos '12.

Leon M. Miller '53 died June 14, 2015, in Perkasio at the age of 83. He was an Army veteran, and worked as an organic chemist for 42 years with Rohm & Haas (now Dow Chemical). Miller was the center of LVC's 1953 "Seven Dwarfs" basketball team that made it to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen. He was a U.S. Tennis Association top-ranked amateur tennis player for the mid-Atlantic region in his 30s. Miller earned more than 150 trophies and championships in various basketball and tennis leagues. He was a member and racket stringer with the Buckingham and Doylestown racquet clubs.

Rev. Calvin B. Haverstock '54 died Nov. 25, 2015, in Mechanicsburg at the age of 83. He was a retired United Methodist pastor, serving congregations in York, Manchester, Harrisburg, and Hershey, as well as Hagerstown and Silver Spring, Md. Haverstock served as New Cumberland district superintendent prior to his retirement, and was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Mechanicsburg. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and all Penn State athletics. He is survived by a daughter-in-law, Andra Reams Haverstock '96.

Rev. Aaron Sheaffer '55 died Sept. 26, 2015, in Dayton, Ohio, at the age of 82. He directed the United Sound Choir at the United Theological Seminary for 30 years, and established their broadcast television ministry program, retiring in 1990. Sheaffer was the organist at several churches, including Shiloh Church United Church of Christ for 29 years, and operated the information hotline of the Dayton LGBT Center for more than 20 years. Sheaffer is survived by his wife, Pat Oyer Sheaffer '56.

Richard Edward Williams '55 died Feb. 22, 2015, in DeLand, Fla., at the age of 81. He was a Navy veteran. Throughout his career, he worked as an electronics engineer at Honeywell and Philco Co., was a test-engineering supervisor at Electronic Communications Inc., and retired as an engineer from Lockheed Martin. He is survived by his twin sister, Nancy Williams '55.

Dr. Jacquelyn Fetterhoff Douglass '56 died Jan. 1 in Harrisburg at the age of 80. She was a school counselor for the Lower Dauphin School District for 30 years, primarily at Lower Dauphin High School. She also was an ordained reverend in the Order of Melchizedek, The Sanctuary of the Beloved. She loved traveling, swimming, playing games, and spending time at the beach. Douglass is survived by a daughter, Dr. Marcy J. Douglass '81, and granddaughter, Ariel Douglass-Devine '05.

Curtis C. Troutman '56 died Oct. 27, 2015, in Annville at the age of 86. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was an elementary music teacher in the ELCO School District. Troutman was the organist and choir director at several churches, retiring from St. Mark's United Church of Christ (U.C.C.) in Lebanon in 1994, where he served as deacon, elder, teacher, and chair of the Christian education committee. He served on many committees, including the Lebanon Association of the Penn Central Conference of the U.C.C. Troutman was a volunteer for the Lancaster-Lebanon Literacy Council.

Rev. Dorothy M. Book '57 died June 25, 2015, in Ephrata at the age of 80. She served and worked for many churches including the United Church of Christ (U.C.C.) conference and was the director of Christian education in Milwaukee, Wis., and Toledo, Ohio. She was an active member of Grace U.C.C., serving as president and committee chair of the council, and director of Christian education. Book was an administrative assistant with the Penn Central Conference of the U.C.C. in Harrisburg, and assistant to the president of Lancaster's U.C.C. association.

Paul F. Fulk '57 died May 28, 2014, in Mechanicsburg at the age of 100. He served as 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army during World War II and saw action at the Battle of the Bulge. He was named Outstanding Volunteer Hospital Worker of the Year by the National Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission and received the Jefferson Award for outstanding public service. Fulk was a member of Otterbein United Methodist Church in Harrisburg and the American Legion Post #43 in Camp Hill, where he was a commander and organizer of the annual Memorial Day parade. He enjoyed volunteering, swimming, and golfing.

Jerry E. Lego '57 died Aug. 28, 2014, in Bradenton, Fla., at the age of 79. He was an elementary instrumental music teacher in the Harrisburg and Abington school districts. He was director of the Tri-County Band in Feasterville from 1971 to 1980. After retiring to Florida, Lego worked in the library of the Sarasota Symphony and was a member of the Sarasota Jazz Club. He also was an active member of First United Methodist Church in Bradenton.

Rev. Jere R. Martin '57 died Sept. 15, 2015, in Mount Joy at the age of 80. He was retired from the United Methodist Church, formerly the Evangelical United Brethren Church, after more than 49 years in the ministry.

Kathryn Hoerner Lanz '58 died Oct. 13, 2015, in Palmyra at the age of 93. She was a retired teacher, having taught in the Palmyra School District, Central Dauphin School District for

Gifted Children, and Messiah College. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hershey, Trinity Choir, the American Association of University Women, and the Dauphin County Advisory Committee for Children and Youth. Lanz was an evaluator of National Science Foundation Elementary programs and volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House.

'60s

Marjorie "Marge" Brubaker '61 died Jan. 1 in Turnersville at the age of 94. She retired in 1990 from the Superior Court of New Jersey in Woodbury. She was an active member of Apostles Lutheran Church in Turnersville, serving as a board member and cluster counselor of 14 Lutheran women's groups.

May Arnold Champagne '61 died Sept. 30, 2015, in Nazareth at the age of 76. She was a music teacher in the Easton Area and Rondout Valley, N.Y., school districts. Champagne was a member of First United Church of Christ in Easton, the Easton Area Chapter of the Deborah Hospital Foundation, and Chapter 214 of the Order of the Eastern Star in Easton.

Jacqueline Miller Picking '61 died Oct. 9, 2015, in Marion at the age of 75. She began her career as an elementary school music teacher, then after raising her family, became a bank teller at M&T Bank. Picking was an active member of the Chambersburg Church of the Brethren, where she served as director of music and worship, choir director, bell choir director, and youth counselor. She was treasurer of the Marion Town Committee and the Marion Volunteer Fire Company.

Isobel Miller Dottle '62 died Sept. 2, 2015, in Harrisburg at the age of 74. She was a music teacher in the Middletown School District, and taught piano. She was a member of Linglestown Life United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir and directed the youth and children's choirs. Dottle loved animals and the outdoors, and hiked several portions of the Appalachian Trail. She also enjoyed league bowling.

Dr. Donald G. Urban '64 died Nov. 3, 2015, in Media at the age of 72. He served in the Vietnam War as a Battalion Surgeon First Marine Division in 1969, saving numerous lives and receiving many medals for his valor. Urban also served as a commander with the U.S. Naval Reserve. He was an emergency room physician at Harrisburg Hospital prior to opening a family medical practice in Newville. Urban later served as a naval doctor at Quantico, Va., and as a supervisor at the Veterans Administration in Clarksburg, W.Va.

James H. Zimmerman '64 died June 22, 2015, in Intercourse at the age of 73. He was the owner/operator of W.L. Zimmerman & Sons Inc., in Intercourse. He served in the U.S. Navy. Zimmerman was a Leacock Township supervisor, member of Lancaster County Career and Technology Center (CTC) joint operating committee, and the Vo-Tech Hall of Fame. He served on the Workforce Investment Board and was chair of the board's youth council. He also served on the Pequea Valley, Willow Street CTC, and Farmer's First Bank of Intercourse boards. He was an avid league bowler who loved playing old blues and ragtime piano. Zimmerman is survived by his wife of 33 years, Karen Lutz Zimmerman '65, and daughter, Kristine Zimmerman Shirk '91.

Richard A. Carlson '65 died June 10, 2015, in Whitehall at the age of 71. He had a 25-year teaching career. Carlson studied with artist Michael Kessler at the Baum School of Art and enjoyed a successful art career specializing in abstract expressionist paintings. He was a member of the Lehigh Valley Art Alliance.

Jean Shaw McHale '66 died Nov. 14, 2015, in Easton, Md., at the age of 71. She formed the Peppermint Pipers and led the group on national tours and two album recordings. In 1980, she opened Gaines McHale Antiques in Cockeysville, Md. She was a member of the Second Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, where she directed the youth choir and orchestrated the annual Christmas pageant. McHale served on the boards of the Talbot County Historical Society and Chesapeake Chamber Music.

Polly Carnathan Jaymes '69 died July 4, 2015, in Chambersburg at the age of 67. She began her teaching career in Delaware. After marrying in 1974, she began substitute teaching in the Chambersburg Area School District. From 1990 until her retirement in 2000, Jaymes taught music and served as the choral director at Shalom Christian Academy. She was a member of Zion Covenant Church in Chambersburg and enjoyed traveling with her husband.

'70s

Anita Bowman Pence '72 died Oct. 25, 2015, in Elizabethtown at the age of 65. She retired from the Annville-Cleona School District as an elementary teacher. She was a member of the Lebanon Church of the Brethren, the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Sorority, and the Order of the Amaranth and the Eastern Star. She enjoyed reading, music, and vacationing. Pence is survived by her husband, George Pence Jr. '71, a son, Dr. Michael Pence '09, and a sister, Donna Bowman '72.

John F. Bolla '77 died Dec. 3, 2015, in Philadelphia at the age of 60. He was the assistant golf professional at Oak Hill Golf Club in Milford, N.J. From 1980 to 2003, he worked at Peddie School Golf Course as the assistant professional, and was later promoted to PGA head professional. Bolla also ran numerous golf camps and clinics, and in 2006, began working as the PGA professional at Golf Galaxy in Woodbridge, N.J. He loved riding rollercoasters, vacationing in Myrtle Beach, and playing golf.

Dr. Cedric E. Grosnick '77 died Nov. 26, 2015, in Mt. Joy at the age of 60. He started a periodontal practice with offices in Lebanon and Lancaster. Grosnick was a member and president of the Lebanon Dental Society. He was an avid golfer and a member of the Hershey Country Club. Grosnick was predeceased by his father, John I. Grosnick '53.

Reta Gehman Krick '78 died April 2, 2015, in Philadelphia at the age of 79. She was a registered nurse in various hospitals in Reading, Lancaster, Ephrata, and Saudi Arabia. Krick also was a tax preparer for H&R Block in Ephrata. She volunteered with the Literacy Council and for Hospice & Community Care. Krick enjoyed traveling, reading, and motorcycle riding.

Patrick M. Cullinan '79 died Oct. 15, 2015, in West Chester at the age of 58. He spent his career coaching men's lacrosse. He initiated the program at Glen Mills School, and coached at West Chester and St. Joseph's universities for 23 years, and at Downingtown East High School. Cullinan was a member of St. Agnes Church and First Presbyterian Church of West Chester. He enjoyed fishing and gardening. Cullinan is survived by his wife of 33 years, Donna Brinkworth Cullinan '78.

'80s

Cameron A. Bruce '82 died Aug. 14, 2015, in Camp Hill at the age of 55. Most recently, he was a band director at Cumberland Valley School District. Early in his career, he was a member of the Blue Devils, Crossmen, and Westshoremens drum and bugle corps. Bruce wrote and arranged music for various ensembles and judged with the National Judges Association. He was passionate about music, and enjoyed riding motorcycles and reading.

'90s

Stacey Seldomridge Pennington '92 died Sept. 7, 2015, in Mt. Gretna at the age of 46. She was the owner/operator of The Gretna Emporium, Emporium Too, and Resource Island. Pennington received the 2005 Leon Hoover Entrepreneurial Spirit Award from the Lebanon Valley Chamber of

Commerce. She was a member of the Mt. Gretna Arts Council and organizer of the Mt. Gretna Kids' Art Show. Pennington enjoyed family vacations and was an avid Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies fan.

Gary L. Ney '95 died July 24, 2015, in Bernville at the age of 57. He worked on his family's farm, which he thoroughly enjoyed. He was an animal lover and avid hunter.

Kelly Green Keenan '99 died Aug. 31, 2015, in Hegins at the age of 53. She was a reading and third-grade teacher in the Annville-Cleona School District. She was a member of the Lebanon County Honor Society and the Annville-Cleona Education Association, as well as the Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Williamstown.

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Dr. Steven E. Houser died Jan. 10 in Annville at the age of 57. He was superintendent of the Annville-Cleona School District. Previously, he served the Susquehanna Township, Elizabethtown, and Lebanon school districts. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators, Association for Curriculum and Development, Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials, and the Pennsylvania School Board Association. Houser was on the boards of the Dutchmen Education Foundation and Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce, and was a member of the Palmyra Rotary Club, Salvation Army, Lebanon County Christian Ministries, and Boy Scouts of America.

Nevelyn J. Knisley died July 23, 2015, in Cornwall at the age of 86. LVC professor *emerita* of music, she taught piano at the College for 39 years. She was a soloist, accompanist, chamber musician, and adjudicator. Knisley served as faculty advisor to Sigma Alpha Iota sorority. In 1988, LVC

created an annual award in her honor—the Nevelyn J. Knisley Award for Inspirational Teaching—for instructional excellence and community service. Knisley also taught private lessons, having as many as 20 students, ages five to 65. A soprano in the choir at Annville United Methodist Church, she taught Sunday school classes, and served as music coordinator, Sunday school pianist, and choir director. Knisley is survived by a son-in-law, Dr. Jean-Marc Braem, former LVC associate professor of languages.

Charles Sloca died Nov. 20, 2015, in Chambersburg at the age of 93. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in the European theatre during World War II, flying as a B-17 co-pilot on bombing missions over Germany. After his plane was hit, forcing it to land, he and his crew spent the remainder of the war in German prison camps. He taught at LVC for five years, and also at Bethany, Waynesburg, and Parsons colleges. Sloca later taught middle and high school until his retirement in 1985. From 1965–1985, he also served as local pastor and ordained deacon at two churches. Sloca is survived by his wife, Joan Rosenberry Sloca '55.

Dr. Hitoshi Thomas Tamaki, former LVC trustee, died July 3, 2015, in Plymouth Meeting at the age of 97. Certified by the American Board of Pathology in anatomical and clinical pathology, Tamaki was appointed director of pathology at Montgomery Hospital in Norristown in 1948, retiring in 1993. He was an associate of pathology at Jefferson Medical College, and a pathology consultant at the former North Penn Hospital, Lansdale Medical Groups, and Norristown State Hospital. Tamaki was president of the board of directors of the Rotary Club of Norristown, chair of the Norristown Board of Health, and a member of the Montgomery County tuberculosis board and the Delaware Valley Hemophilia Foundation. He enjoyed gardening, reading, traveling, and was an Eagles fan. Tamaki is survived by a son, Drew Sei Tamaki '82.

Dr. Jean O. Love, Professor *Emerita*

Dr. Jean O. Love, professor *emerita* of psychology, died Dec. 26, 2015, in Lebanon at the age of 95. A U.S. Navy veteran who served during World War II, Dr. Love was a nationally recognized scholar of Virginia Woolf.

Dr. Love retired from LVC in 1985 after more than 30 years on the faculty (1954–1985), including as chair of the Psychology Department (1954–1970). In 1985, the College established The Jean O. Love Award for Outstanding Achievement in Psychology in her honor.

“During her tenure as its chairman, Jean built the Department of Psychology into a highly visible and important part of the College,” wrote Dr. Agnes O’Donnell, late professor *emerita* of English, in 1985. “Under her leadership, a competent and innovative staff developed a sound program that not only attracted students but also sent them off, year after year, for graduate study at major universities or into jobs with counseling and social service agencies.”

Dr. Kristen Angstadt ’74, vice chair of the College’s Board of Trustees, who went on to earn her master’s degree and doctorate in psychology from the University of Maryland, was one such student. Dr. Angstadt, who along with her late husband, David A. Hoffman, M.D., named a Psychology Department faculty office in Dr. Love’s honor, was strongly influenced by Dr. Love’s teaching.

“Over the decades, as our relationship grew from professor-student to colleague-friend, I was inspired to an even greater degree by her forward thinking and the passion she exuded in her teaching, her writing, and her painting, as well as the compassion she extended to her colleagues and friends,” Dr. Angstadt noted. “Moreover, she did all this with subtle humor, generosity, and kindness. To me, she was not merely a role model, but an individual who exemplified the words of Henry David Thoreau—‘to him whose elastic and vigorous thought keeps pace with the sun, the day is perpetual morning.’”

Among her many accomplishments, Dr. Love listed having the Psychology Department classified with the natural sciences at LVC, rather than the social sciences, as among her proudest achievements. She also served, by Congressional appointment, as a delegate to the White House Conference on Education, Health, and Welfare, and oversaw the founding of a campus chapter of Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology.

Dr. Jean Olivia Love was born Feb. 27, 1920, in York County, S.C. Educated in York County public schools, she

went on to earn her bachelor’s degree from Erskine College, her master’s degree from Winthrop College, and her doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She pursued post-doctoral study at the Institute of Experimental Psychology at Oxford University in England, and at the Heinz Werner Institute of Developmental Psychology at Clark University in Worcester, Mass.

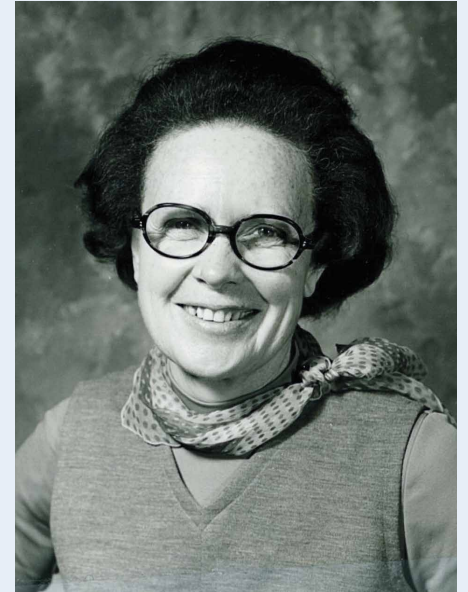
Dr. Love was a serious amateur painter, working in watercolors, oils, and mixed media. She had several one-person shows in the Lebanon area, and exhibited in local, state, and regional juried exhibitions.

Although she loved the life of teacher and scholar, Dr. Love was proudest of two studies she wrote about the English writer Virginia Woolf, specifically how the writer’s madness could be traced in her novels. The University of California Press published Love’s books, *Worlds of Consciousness* and *Virginia Woolf: Sources of Madness and Art*, in 1970 and 1978, respectively. The latter, in particular, brought Dr. Love national recognition as a Woolf scholar, resulting in invited papers and membership on panels such as at the Modern Language Association Meeting in 1980, and at the University of Michigan’s Conference on Biography, where she was the keynote speaker.

In 1998, Dr. Love donated her Virginia Woolf collection to the Vernon and Doris Bishop Library at the College. It remains on display in the Elaine Frock ’48 Conference Room.

Dr. Love moved to Cornwall Manor soon after the death of her husband, Albert W. “Rudy” Blecker Sr., in 1996. At Cornwall, she was active in civic and religious activities and traveled frequently to Europe.

“She attained her position of respect ‘the hard way’: she earned it,” said Dr. O’Donnell in a 1985 article in *The Valley*.



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